

TRIBUTE TO SPACEMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. J. McEwen

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. J. McEwen, said today that the three-orbit space flight by the American astronaut Malcolm Scott Carpenter was another dramatic achievement in space exploration.

He extended warmest congratulations on behalf of Australia to the United States Government, Astronaut Carpenter and the Project Mercury Personnel.

"Australians are delighted that this country was able to play a small part in the success of the space flight through our tracking facilities.

"The flight's success is clear evidence of the leadership of the United States in scientific achievement in the space age".

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