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VISIT OF KING AND QUEEN OF THAILAND

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

Mr. J.H. Scholtens, the Chief Ceremonial Officer of the Prime Minister's Department, has been appointed to be the Commonwealth officer in charge of the visit to Australia in August/September of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Thailand. Mr. Scholtens will leave Australia on Thursday, 5th July, for Bangkok to discuss with representatives of the Government of Thailand and of the Palace a draft programme for the visit. The draft has been drawn up in consultation with the State Governments.

After Mr. Scholtens' return to Australia in about ten days, the State Governments will be informed of Their Majesties' wishes and the detailed planning will begin. The tentative itinerary provides for Their Majesties to begin their Australian tour in Canberra on Sunday, 26th August, and to leave later in the week for visits to all State capital cities.

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