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ROYAL TOUR

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

The Australian Secretary to The Queen for the Royal Visit, Sir Roy Dowling, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., will meet in Canberra on Monday, 16th July, with State representatives to consider proposals for the Royal Visit next year.

State representatives will be asked to put forward ideas for the programme within each State. These will include events of special significance which might form the basis of visit plans. Admiral Dowling will leave for London on Wednesday, 18th July, where he will discuss with Her Majesty and Prince Philip, proposals put forward by the Commonwealth and States. It is expected that Admiral Dowling will be in London for about three weeks.

State representatives who will attend are -  
New South Wales : Mr. G. M. Gray, C.B.E.; Victoria : Mr. J.C. Macgibbon, O.B.E.; Queensland: Mr. R.B. McAllister;  
South Australia: Mr. L. King, C.M.G.; Western Australia :  
Mr. R. Doig, C.V.O.; Tasmania: Mr. F. J. Carter, C.M.G., C.B.E.

The Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, Mr. E.J. Bunting, C.B.E., will open the meeting. Also attending will be the Administrator of the Northern Territory, the Honourable Roger B. Nott, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Mr. W.A. McLaren, C.B.E. and Mr. J.H. Scholtens, Chief Ceremonial Officer of the Prime Minister's Department who will be in charge of arrangements for the Royal Visit to the Australian Capital Territory.

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CANBERRA,

12th July, 1962.

BACKGROUND NOTE

The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. in the office of the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department and is expected to last all day. It will not be possible to issue any statement about the work of the meeting at its conclusion because any proposals or broad outline agreed at this meeting are tentative until discussed with Her Majesty the Queen in London by Admiral Dowling.

It is expected that a statement will be issued some time after Admiral Dowling's return about the precise timing of the Royal Visit in each State. Any announcements then about arrangements in each State will be made by the appropriate State authorities.

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