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## DEATH OF NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA

## Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

I heard the news immediately after my arrival in Melbourne this morning and I was deeply shocked by it.

Mr. Johnston was a splendid representative of his country, well-informed, easy and friendly. It is a tragedy that he should be cut off in the middle of his service to our sister country at a time when he seemed to have many years of public-spirited life left to him.

We extend our very deep sympathy to his widow and family.

CANBERRA,

10th May, 1963.