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OVERSEAS VISIT

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

The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, will leave Sydney on Thursday, June 13 by Qantas, flying direct to London through the Middle East. He will fly from Canberra to Sydney on Wednesday, June 12.

During his overseas journey, lasting for one month, the Prime Minister will have discussions with the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Mr. Harold Macmillan and other members of the British Cabinet on matters of mutual interest, including trade and international affairs. He will also meet the President of the United States, Mr. Kennedy, in Washington, and the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Lester Pearson, and members of the Canadian Cabinet in Ottawa.

The Prime Minister's itinerary provides for him to be in Edinburgh on July 1, where he will be installed in the Order of the Thistle in the Order's Chapel in St. Giles' Cathedral at a ceremony to be attended by Her Majesty The Queen.

Sir Robert will fly from London to New York on July 2. On July 3, he will go to Charlottesville, Virginia, where on Independence Day, July 4, at the invitation of the Jefferson Memorial Foundation, he will deliver the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Oration at Jefferson's home, Monticello.

On July 5, the Prime Minister will be in Ottawa and on July 8 and 9 in Washington.

He will leave San Francisco on July 11, arriving in Sydney on Saturday, July 13.

Dame Pattie Menzies will accompany Sir Robert and their elder son, Mr. Kenneth Menzies, who is travelling privately, will also be with them on the journey.

Two members of the Prime Minister's personal staff, Miss L.H. Craig, private secretary, and Mr. R.C. Maley, press secretary, will also be in the party.

Mr. J.F. Nimmo, Deputy Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, is travelling to London ahead of the Prime Minister to assist in the London and other discussions.

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CANBERRA,

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