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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, tonight received the following message from the President of the United States of America, Mr. Kennedy:-

"I am pleased and gratified by your prompt and forthright statement of July 26 in which you called the nuclear test ban agreement an important step in the right direction. Obviously I share your view. I also welcome warmly the announcement by Sir Garfield Barwick that your Government has decided that Australia should become a party to the treaty. I think it important, and I am glad that you and your countrymen do too, that as many nations as possible take this 'important step in the right direction' together and quickly."

CANBERRA,

29th July, 1963.

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