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TEXT OF MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON. SIR ROBERT MENZIES

To Dr. Erhard:

"Please accept my congratulations upon your election to the important position of Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and my best wishes for a long and successful term of office. I am confident that you will bear with great distinction the heavy responsibility of dealing with common world problems which confront us, and I look forward to a further period of close co-operation between our two Governments."

To Dr. Adenauer:

"As you terminate a long and distinguished Chancellorship of the Federal Republic, may I offer on behalf of myself and my Government, an expression of esteem and sincere good wishes. History will record the role played by Germany in the political and economic development of post-war Europe, and tributes will be paid to your outstanding leadership during these important years."

CANBERRA,

17th October, 1963.

The above messages have been delivered on behalf of the Prime Minister by the Australian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. F.J. Blakeney.