THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON. SIR ROBERT MENZIES, FROM THE FRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, THE RT. HON. K. H. HOLYCAKE:-

I have been deeply shocked and distressed to learn of the disaster at Jervis Bay involving vessels of the Royal Australian Navy. May I offer you my very sincere sympathy and regret that Australia and the Royal Australian Navy should have suffered such a blow. On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand I extend sincere sympathy to the relatives of all those involved.

CANEERRA, 11th February, 1984.