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BRITISH EXHIBITION IN SYDNEY

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

I am delighted to have been invited to act jointly with Sir Alec Douglas-Home as President of the British Exhibition, Australia 1964, and I am looking forward to opening the Exhibition in Sydney in September. My colleague, the Minister for Trade and Industry, has agreed to be Vice-President jointly with Mr. Edward Heath and Mr. Duncan Sandys.

This will be the first British Exhibition to be held in any Commonwealth country and it will be the most ambitious British venture of its kind ever attempted anywhere. This is very gratifying.

The objectives of the Exhibition, and its associated activities, are to demonstrate and strengthen the close ties which exist between Australia and Britain. These are indeed worthy objectives which I warmly commend. I wish the Exhibition every success.

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CANBERRA,

23rd February, 1964.