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NEW ENGLAND NEW STATE MOVEMENT

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

The Prime Minister (Sir Robert Menzies) and the Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Country Party (the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen) today received a deputation from the New England New State Movement, comprising the President, Dr. P.A. Wright, and the Campaign Director, Mr. U.R. Ellis.

The purpose of the Deputation was to put again to the Prime Minister and Mr. McEwen the case for the creation of new States in the Commonwealth.

The Prime Minister offered to take the matter up with the Premiers of the States at the Premiers' Conference to be held early next year. He asked the New England New State Movement, in collaboration with other State Movements, to prepare a written statement of their case which the Prime Minister will circulate to Premiers and list for discussion at the Conference.

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CANBERRA,

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