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AIR TRANSPORT

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

After recent airline litigation, the position of the Commonwealth<sup>x</sup> was carefully considered.

In the result, I wrote to each Premier offering certain views and suggesting certain future action.

It has never been my practice to publish letters to the Premiers until they have had ample time to receive and consider them.

Sir Thomas Playford, alone, has now thought fit to make public my letter.

In the circumstances, I will now approach the other Premiers - who have made no statements - to ask whether I have their permission to publish the terms of the letter.

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CANBERRA,

19th August, 1964.

x (in relation to intra-State aviation)