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VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS  
MARINA, DUCHESS OF KENT

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

The Prime Minister announced today that Her Royal Highness Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, had agreed to open the new Defence Headquarters building at Russell Hill at the time of her visit to Canberra in September.

Sir Robert said that the ceremony would take place on Monday, 28th September, following Princess Marina's visit to the Australian War Memorial.

The Prime Minister added that Her Royal Highness had also agreed to plant an oak tree on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin. This would take place after the Russell Hill ceremony and before Her Royal Highness returned to Government House for luncheon.

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CANBERRA,

20th August, 1964.

BACKGROUND :

The oak tree would be the first of two groves of such trees to form part of the Commonwealth Gardens landscape on the northern foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin.

Some time ago the British Government through the High Commissioner, Sir William Oliver, presented 1,000 acorns gathered from the Royal Park, Richmond, Surrey to Canberra. These have been raised in the Yarralumla Nursery and the groves will be established in the next planting season.

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