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COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCHILL  
MEMORIAL TRUST

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

The Prime Minister announced in Canberra this afternoon that the Commonwealth Government would contribute £100,000 to the Churchill Memorial Trust Fund.

Sir Robert said that he was sure all Australians would take great pride in having the opportunity to be associated with the establishment of the Memorial Trust Fund. The object of the Fund - that of providing a wide range of scholarships in Commonwealth countries and in the United States, available to people in all walks of life - is worthy in itself. It is of the greater significance because it will mark in a permanent way the affection with which all Australians regarded Sir Winston Churchill, and will stand as an acknowledgment of the debt that Australians felt they owed to this great wartime leader.

As President of the Appeal, Sir Robert commended the tremendous work that had been done by those associated with the organisation of the appeal.

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BACKGROUND NOTE :

Separate contributions of £5,000 each have been made to the Northern Territory section of the appeal, to the appeal in Papua/New Guinea and in the A.C.T. by, respectively, the Northern Territory Administration, the Papua/New Guinea Administration, and the Minister for the Interior. These contributions are in addition to the Commonwealth Government's contribution of £100,000 announced by the Prime Minister.

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