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NATIONAL ART GALLERY COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

The Prime Minister today made a further statement about the Committee inquiring into the establishment of a National Art Gallery in Canberra whose appointment he recently announced.

He said that, as promised, two senior public servants had now been deputed to assist the Committee: they were Mr. J.W. Overall, C.B.E., M.C., the National Capital Development Commissioner and Mr. A.L. Moore, Assistant Secretary, Prime Minister's Department.

The Prime Minister said the Committee had begun its investigation and was prepared to receive suggestions from persons or organisations interested in the development of a national art gallery in Canberra. In the first instance these suggestions should be made in writing to the Secretary, National Art Gallery Committee of Inquiry, Prime Minister's Department, Canberra. It was desirable that submissions should reach the Secretary not later than the 8th of November.

CANBERRA,
10th October, 1965.

BACKGROUND NOTE :

The terms of reference of the Committee are :

"To report on the proposal for a National Art Gallery with particular reference to the functions of such a gallery; and the method of control, the accommodation and the staff to carry out these functions."

The members of the Committee are :-

Sir Daryl Lindsay, Chairman
Mr. R. Campbell, O.B.E. of Adelaide
Mr. W.A. Dargie, O.B.E. of Melbourne
Mr. Russell Drysdale; and
Mr. Douglas Pratt, C.B.E. both of Sydney,

all the above being members of the Commonwealth Arts Advisory Board, and four others -

Mr. H. Basten, C.M.G., Vice-Chancellor of the University
of Adelaide
Professor J. Burke, O.B.E., Professor of Fine Arts at the
University of Melbourne
Mr. Tristan Buesst of Melbourne
Mr. J.O. Fairfax of Sydney.
