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EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS WITH INDIA

Australia's new Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt has had an exchange of greetings with the new Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

In her message, Mrs. Gandhi said :-

"The National Day of Australia affords me a welcome opportunity to extend to you, and through you to the Government and the People of Australia, the warm felicitations of the Government and the People of India, to which I add my own. We also take this opportunity to send our best wishes for your personal health and happiness and for the progress and prosperity of the People of Australia."

Mr. Holt replied :

"I am warmly appreciative of your gracious message. My own Government formally takes office on this, the National Day of our two countries. I hope this is symbolic of even closer relationship between us in the future.

I send our best congratulations to you from the Australian people and myself upon your assumption of the leadership of the Government and people of India. May health, happiness and success be yours in the discharge of your heavy responsibilities."

CANBERRA,
26th January, 1966.