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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The Prime Minister of Thailand, His Excellency Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, has accepted the Government's invitation to visit Australia. He will make the visit from Wednesday, 23rd February to Thursday, 3rd March.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by his wife and by an official party including the Minister of Foreign Affairs (His Excellency Mr. Thanat Khoman) and the Minister of National Development (His Excellency Mr. Pote Sarasin).

It is anticipated that the itinerary will include a visit to Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and the Snowy Mountains area. Consultations are at present taking place on details of the programme.

The Prime Minister of Thailand will visit New Zealand for a week before coming to Australia.

I warmly welcome this visit which will do much to further the already friendly relations existing between our two countries.

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CANBERRA,  
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