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VISIT BY VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

Advice has been received that the Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Hubert Humphrey, and other senior American officials, will arrive in Canberra late on Friday afternoon.

It will be the most high-ranking U.S. delegation ever to visit Australia. In addition to the Vice-President, the party will include the U.S. Ambassador-at-large, Governor Averell Harriman, a Special Presidential Assistant, Mr. Jack Valenti and eight other officials. Mrs. Humphrey will also be accompanying the Vice-President on his Australian visit.

Mr. Humphrey and his party will be flying from Delhi via Darwin, and will remain in Canberra until Sunday morning.

The Vice-President will have talks with the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of Cabinet on Saturday morning. This will be followed by a Government Luncheon, and a press conference will be held in the afternoon.

There will be a dinner in his honour at Government House on Saturday evening. The Vice-President is expected to leave Canberra at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

As I said earlier, Mr. Humphrey will be most welcome and I am sure that these direct discussions will be of considerable mutual value.

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