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DEATH OF DR. VERWOERD

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon.
J. McEwen

Mr. McEwen said that he had been greatly shocked to learn of the assassination of Dr. Verwoerd. He had today sent messages to South Africa's Acting Prime Minister, Dr. Donges, and to Mrs. Verwoerd expressing profound sympathy and regret over this tragic event.

The Government had not been able to agree with some of the policies adopted by the South African Government, but it was always possible to respect Dr. Verwoerd's personal qualities. The ending of his life in this way in the heart of Parliament itself must be a matter for the greatest regret.

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