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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

The Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, has received many hundreds of congratulatory messages from all parts of Australia and overseas since his Government's success in last Saturday's election.

The congratulations within Australia have come from people, young and old alike, in all walks of life. They range from students and those who have described themselves as "ordinary housewives" to diplomatic and government representatives.

Messages have been received from many prominent people overseas, and already there are congratulatory cables and letters from eleven heads of government.

The heads of government who have sent their good wishes are the Presidents of the Philippines and the United States, and the Prime Ministers of Canada, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Malta, Malaysia, New Zealand, Viet Nam and Western Samoa. In addition, there have been messages from other senior members of national administrations.

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Press Secretary to the Prime Minister

CANBERRA, 1st December, 1966.

Texts of messages are available from my office in Canberra.