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VIET NAM INCIDENT

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The Government and the people of New Zealand are, I know, sharing the sadness of Australia in our loss of brave young men from this tragic mishap occurring in the stir of a close military operation.

But as we mourn these losses, we remember with gratitude that the men of our two countries have combined many times with a success achieved by their skill, courage and comradeship.

The bereaved and the injured have the sympathy of the Governments and peoples of both our countries.

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MOUNT COOK,  
NEW ZEALAND.  
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