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POSTAL DISPUTE

Following are texts of telegrams exchanged today between the Prime Minister and Mr Albert Monk, President of the ACTU :-

Telegram from Mr Monk

"EXECUTIVE OF ACTU DEALT WITH POSTAL WORKERS DISPUTE LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS QUOTE THE ACTU OFFICERS ADVISE THE UNIONS INVOLVED IN THE POSTAL WORKERS DISPUTE THAT EVEN AT THIS STAGE THEY HAVE A DUTY TO NOTIFY THE ACTU IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14 STOP THIS EXECUTIVE IS FURIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW THESE PENALTIES STOP WE REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO CONVENE AN ALL-IN CONFERENCE COMPRISING THE GOVERNMENT THE ACTU THE POSTAL UNIONS AND THE PMG DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE DISPUTE UNQUOTE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE AS TO WHAT YOUR ATTITUDE IS TOWARDS OUR REQUEST STOP WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CONTACT YOU BY PHONE AFTER YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF RECEIVING THIS WIRE."

The Prime Minister replied as follows :

"I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM. AS YOU KNOW, THE MATTER INVOLVED HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS CABINET CONSIDERATION AND I AM THEREFORE PROPOSING TO ARRANGE FOR YOUR MESSAGE TO BE PUT TO CABINET AT ITS NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL BE ON TUESDAY, FOR ITS CONSIDERATION."

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CANBERRA,  
14th July, 1967