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VISIT BY PRESIDENT OF ITALY

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Holt

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the President of the Republic of Italy, President Giuseppe Saragat, accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Amintore Fanfani, will make a State Visit to Australia later this year.

The President is expected to arrive in Canberra on Monday, 25th September. Before leaving Australia on Sunday, 1st October, he will go to Melbourne and Sydney.

The warm friendship between Australia and Italy has been strengthened by the many thousands of Italians who have made their homes in this country. The successful assimilation of large numbers of his countrymen in Australia will no doubt be an aspect that will be of special interest to the President.

President Saragat will be a very welcome visitor. The significant increase in recent times of visits by Heads of State and Heads of Government is a measure of Australia's developing stature and her growing importance to the rest of the world.

CANBERRA,
23rd July, 1967.