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VISIT BY CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Statement by the Prime Minister, Senator John Gorton

The Foreign Minister of Cambodia, His Highness Prince Norodom Phurissara, will shortly make an official visit to Australia. He will be accompanied by his wife. Detailed arrangements are still being made, but the Prince will be a guest of the Australian Government and it is likely that he will arrive in Australia towards the end of February.

I am very pleased that he is making this visit. It will be recalled that Prince Phurissara paid a visit to Australia in December as the Cambodian Government's representative at the Memorial Service for the late Prime Minister. This greatly appreciated gesture by the Cambodian Government provided the opportunity for useful discussions. Further discussions covering a wide range of matters of interest to the two Governments will now be possible.

I hope that on this occasion the Prince will also be able to see something of Australia, its people, development and way of life.

CANBERRA,
1st February, 1968.