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PRESIDENT JOHNSON

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

I do not think it proper to comment on the decision taken by President Johnson not to seek re-election, other than to say that we in Australia will always remember with gratitude the warmth and special consideration which he has shown to us during his Presidency.

He has had to bear immense burdens and make momentous decisions and carry the responsibility for those decisions and I believe he has made them on the basis of what he sincerely believed to be right, and to the ultimate benefit of freedom inside the United States and outside that country. He is a great man.

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