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## VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF KOREA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

It gives me great pleasure to announce that President Park Chung Hee of Korea accompanied by Madame Park, will make a State Visit to Australia later this year.

The President and his wife are expected to arrive in Canberra on Monday, 16 September and to leave from Sydney on Thursday, 19 September.

President and Madame Park will be very welcome visitors and I am sure that they will be warmly greeted by the Australian people. Not only have Australia and the Republic of Korea been united in a common effort to preserve the independence of the Republic of Korea under the auspices of the United Nations, but both countries have forces fighting in Viet Nam to preserve the freedom and sovereignty of the Vietnamese people.

CANBERRA, 1 July 1968