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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Message from the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

The Prime Minister today instructed the Australian Ambassador in Washington to convey the following message to Mr Richard Nixon:-

"PLEASE ACCEPT THE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA.

YOU CAN COUNT ON OUR UNDERSTANDING AND OUR GOODWILL AS YOU UNDERTAKE THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES THAT LIE AHEAD.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND WARM FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY,

JOHN GORTON"

CANBERRA, 7 November 1968