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APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

Her Majesty The Queen has graciously approved the appointment of a distinguished Australian, the Rt. Hon. Paul Hasluck, to be her Governor-General of, and representative in, Australia. He will take up the appointment when Lord Casey relinquishes his appointment at the end of April this year.

In announcing this Her Majesty has also been graciously pleased to appoint Lord Casey to be a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and the Rt. Hon. Paul Hasluck to be a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Sir Paul Hasluck, a second generation Australian, has given long and devoted service to Australia in many fields of public endeavour. As a public servant he was the first Australian permanent representative at the United Nations, as an historian he was entrusted with the task of writing the volumes of the governmental history of World War II, and as a Minister of State he has carried out his duties with distinction. It is doubtful whether any other Australian is as well and favourably known to the Governments of overseas countries, particularly those countries nearest to our north.

Lady Hasluck, a fifth generation Australian, is in her own right a distinguished Australian author whose books disclose painstaking research into, and understanding of, facets of Australia's early history.

On behalf of the Government, I offer warm congratulations to Sir Paul and Lady Hasluck on his appointment which he will carry out with great dignity and honour.

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