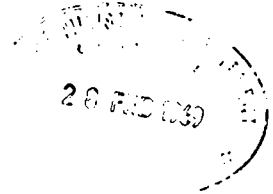


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VISIT TO CANADA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton



I have been delighted to accept an invitation from Mr. Trudeau to make a visit to Canada on Thursday, 3 April, after my meeting with President Nixon in Washington.

I am looking forward to this opportunity for an exchange of views with another Commonwealth country which has an increasing interest in the Pacific region.

CANBERRA
19 February 1969

Background Note:

The Prime Minister begins his Washington talks on Monday, 31 March, and will probably travel to Ottawa on Wednesday, 2 April.

No itinerary beyond 3 April is yet available for Mr. Gorton.
