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PRIME MINISTER TO ATTEND EISENHOWER FUNERAL

The Prime Minister, Mr Gorton, will represent Australia at the service in Washington on Monday for the late President Eisenhower.

Mr and Mrs Gorton will leave for the United States as scheduled late this afternoon.

While in Washington, Mr Gorton will be received by the President, but his official talks with Mr Nixon have been postponed. It is expected that the Prime Minister will meet senior members of the Administration. He will then go on to Ottawa as planned for his talks with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Trudeau, on Thursday.

The discussions with President Nixon will be rescheduled for the earliest mutually convenient date possible.

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