PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, will leave for the United States on Thursday for the official talks in Washington which were postponed because of General Eisenhower's death last month.

The discussions with President Nixon and senior members of his Administration will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (6th and 7th) of next week.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Gorton, will travel by Qantas direct to San Francisco, where they will transfer immediately to a Presidential aircraft for the flight to the East. Mr. Gorton will spend the weekend at Williamsburg, Virginia, after his long flight from Australia and preparing for his round of talks. He will fly to Washington by Presidential helicopter on Monday afternoon.

He will leave Washington on Thursday, after a luncheon to be given in his honour by Senator J. W. Fullbright in the Foreign Relations Committee Room at the Capitol. The return travel arrangements are not yet finalised.

Accompanying the Prime Minister and Mrs. Gorton will be the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Mr. C. L. Hewitt, the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Sir James Plimsoll, an Assistant Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Mr. A. T. Griffith, and personal staff.

A copy of the Prime Minister's itinerary is attached.

CANBERRA
29 April 1969

<u>Prime Minister's Visit to the United States</u>

<u>PROGRAMME</u>

<u>THURSDAY, 1 May</u>

(all times are local)

5.00 p.m.	Depart Sydney Qantas Flight 596
7.55 a.m.	Arrive Honolulu International Airport aboard Qantas Flight 596
9.00 a.m.	Depart Honolulu Qantas Flight 596
4.50 p.m.	Arrive San Francisco International Airport
5.20 p.m.	Depart San Francisco aboard a United States Air Force Special Flight

<u>FRIDAY, 2 May</u>

1.10 a.m.	Arrive Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
1.20 a.m.	Depart Langley by car
2.05 a.m.	Arrive Williamsburg, Virginia

<u>SATURDAY, 3 May</u>

At Williamsburg

<u>SUNDAY, 4 May</u>

At Williamsburg

<u>MONDAY, 5 May</u>

2.25 p.m.	Arrive Williamsburg Inn Golf Course
2.30 p.m.	Depart Williamsburg aboard a United States Marine Corps Special Helicopter Flight
3.30 p.m.	Arrive Pentagon Heliport, Washington. (Prime Minister and Mrs. Gorton will be greeted by the Hon. Emil Mosbacher, Jr., Chief of Protocol of the United States, and Mrs. Mosbacher)
3.35 p.m.	Depart Pentagon Heliport
3.45 p.m.	Arrive Blair House
8.00 p.m.	His Excellency Sir Keith Waller, C.B.E., Ambassador of Australia, and Lady Waller give Dinner in Honour of Prime Minister and Mrs. Gorton at the Embassy of Australia

TUESDAY, 6 May

10. 30 a. m.	Prime Minister arrives White House for talks with President Nixon
3. 00 p. m.	Prime Minister meets with Mr. William P. Rogers, Secretary of State, at the Department of State
8. 00 p. m.	President and Mrs. Nixon give a Dinner in Honour of Prime Minister and Mrs. Gorton at the White House (White Tie)

WEDNESDAY, 7 May

12. 00 noon	Prime Minister meets with President Nixon at the White House
1. 00 p. m.	Mr. Rogers gives Luncheon in Honour of Prime Minister at Department of State
4. 00 p. m.	Prime Minister meets with Mr. Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defence at Department of Defence

THURSDAY, 8 May

1. 00 p. m.	Senator J. W. Fullbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gives a Luncheon in Honour of Prime Minister in the Foreign Relations Committee Room at the Capitol
p. m.	Prime Minister and Mrs. Gorton depart Washington

MRS. GORTON'S PROGRAMME
(where it differs from Prime Minister's)

TUESDAY, 6 May

2. 50 p. m.	Mrs. Gorton visits L'Enfant Plaza

WEDNESDAY, 7 May

10. 40 a. m.	Mrs. Gorton visits Dumbarton Oaks
1. 00 p. m.	Mrs. Rogers gives Luncheon in Honour of Mrs. Gorton at the Naval Academy Alumni House, Annapolis, Maryland

THURSDAY, 8 May

12. 30 p. m.	Lady Waller gives Luncheon in Honour of Mrs. Gorton at the Embassy of Australia

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