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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE FOR THE MOON

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, has been invited by the National Aeronautics and Space Agency to send a message to the moon with the astronauts of the Apollo 11 mission.

Microfilmed messages from a number of world leaders are to be sealed in a capsule and left on the moon's surface.

Mr. Gorton's message reads:-

"Australians are pleased and proud to have played a part in helping to make it possible for the first man from earth to land on the moon. This is a dramatic fulfilment of man's urge to go 'always a little further'; to explore and know the formerly unknown; to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. May the high courage and the technical genius which made this achievement possible be so used in the future that mankind will live in a universe in which peace, self-expression, and the chance of dangerous adventure are available to all.

JOHN GORTON."

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