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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ABOARD U. S. S. HORNET

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton tonight sent the following message to President Nixon on board U. S. S. Hornet:-

"I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA SHARE YOUR JOY AND YOUR PRIDE IN WELCOMING BACK NEIL ARMSTRONG, EDWIN ALDRIN AND MICHAEL COLLINS.

"AUSTRALIA FOLLOWED EVERY STAGE OF THEIR EPIC JOURNEY WITH ADMIRATION AND BATED BREATH!

"I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING ON OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, AND LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA WOULD GIVE THEM A WARM WELCOME WHENEVER THEY COULD MANAGE TO VISIT US.

SINCERELY,  
JOHN GORTON."

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CANBERRA  
24 July 1969