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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, has received the following message from President Nixon:-

"Dear John,

I very much appreciated your message welcoming the safe return of our astronauts. It symbolises perfectly the special bonds of friendship, co-operation and understanding which exists between the Australian and American people. I will most certainly look into the possibility of Astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins visiting Australia.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely, Richard Nixon."

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