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## RE-APPOINTMENT OF SIR ALEXANDER DOWNER

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

Sir Alexander Downer, K. B. E., has been re-appointed as High Commissioner for Australia in Britain for a further term until 24 October 1970.

Sir Alexander was appointed as High Commissioner on 25 October 1964 for a period of five years.

I am grateful to Sir Alexander for agreeing to this extension of his appointment in a position in which he has served Australia with great distinction.

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