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Comment by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

I warmly congratulate Mr. Heath on his electoral success and on his becoming Prime Minister. I have had a number of opportunities both in Britain and Australia to get to know him. As a personality he is familiar to all Australians not only in his capacity as a British political leader but as a sportsman. His recent visit to Australia and his close personal links here mean that he carries with him in his task of Prime Minister of one of the world's most influential nations a first hand experience of Australia and its people. I look forward to a close and fruitful collaboration with him on a wide range of matters of particular and mutual interest to our two countries.

CANBERRA
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The Prime Minister has sent a personal message of congratulation to Mr. Heath.