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MESSAGE TO NEW MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, has sent the following message to Tun Abdul Razak who today (Tuesday) succeeded Tunku Abdul Rahman as Prime Minister of Malaysia :-

"On your assumption of the Prime Ministership of Malaysia, I offer my warmest congratulations and those of the Australian Government and people.

I am sure that you will fill your high office with distinction, and to the great benefit of the people of Malaysia. I am confident also that your Prime Ministership will see a continuation of the close relationship between our two countries.

I look forward to a long period of fruitful co-operation between us.

With warm personal regards,

JOHN GORTON"

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