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DEATH OF PRESIDENT NASSER

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, has sent the following message to Egypt's Acting President, His Excellency Anwar Sadat :-

"On behalf of the Australian Government I extend our sympathy to the Egyptian Government and people at the sudden and sad loss of their Leader. President Nasser was a spokesman of stature for the Arab world during a time of great change and complexity. His recent support for a truce in Jordan will be remembered as a contribution to the prospects for a general peace in the Middle East.

J. G. GORTON."

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