FOR FRESS:

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MELBOURNE BRIDGE TRACEDY

The Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton, this afternoon sent the following message to the Premier of Victoria, Sir Henry Bolte:-

"I AM SURE THE WHOLE OF AUSTRALIA IS SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THE SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT WESTGATE BRIDGE.

PLEASE EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THOSE FAMILIES TO WHOM THIS TRAGIC EVENT HAS BROUGHT SUCH GRIEF. "

CANBERRA, 15 October 1970