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MR EGGLETON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The appointment of my Press Secretary, Mr. Tony Eggleton, as Director of Information for the Commonwealth is announced today.

At the request of Mr. Arnold Smith, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, I have agreed to release Mr. Eggleton to fill this significant post with the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.

Mr. Eggleton is in his sixth year as Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, and during that time has created a record by serving three Prime Ministers. He has been a loyal and valued member of my personal staff, and I am sorry to lose him.

But I am sure his experience in the media and information fields will enable him to make a real contribution to the work of the Secretariat, and it is a compliment to Mr. Eggleton that he should have been invited to fill this new post.

CANBERRA
10 February 1971

TONY EGGLETON : BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- .. Born Swindon, Wiltshire, England 30/4/32
 - .. Educated at King Alfred's College, Wantage, Berkshire.
 - .. Entered journalism with the Westminster Press Group 1947.
 - .. Migrated to Australia 1950.
 - .. Reporter with the "Bendigo Advertiser" 1950-51.
 - .. Australian Broadcasting Commission News Service 1951-1960
(Director of News Coverage, ABC-TV Melbourne 1956-60).
 - .. Director of Naval Public Relations 1960-65.
 - .. Press Secretary to the Prime Minister 1965-71
(Sir Robert Menzies, Mr. Harold Holt, Mr. John Gorton).
 - .. Press Co-ordinator for the 1970 Royal Visit to Australia.
 - .. Appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) 1970.
 - .. Awarded the Public Relations Institute's First Award of Honour 1968.
 - .. Foundation President of the National Press Club, Canberra.
 - .. Married. Three children.
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