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MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

This afternoon, His Excellency the Governor-General received Mr. John Gorton at Government House and accepted his resignation as Prime Minister.

Mr. Gorton recommended that I should be appointed as Prime Minister.

Subsequently I was sworn in by His Excellency. On my recommendation, Mr. Gorton was appointed as Minister for Defence.

Other Ministers retain their portfolios until I have decided on the new Ministry after the normal consultation with Mr. Anthony.

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