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STATE VISIT BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

With the approval of The Queen and with the concurrence of the New Zealand and Australian Governments, the Governor-General of New Zealand (Sir Arthur Porritt) and Lady Porritt have been pleased to accept the invitation from the Governor-General of Australia (Sir Paul Hasluck) to make a State Visit to Australia towards the end of this year.

The visit is to take place from Wednesday 27 October to Sunday 7 November 1971 and in addition to visiting Canberra, Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt are scheduled to have time in Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney in that order.

Consultations are now taking place to prepare a programme of engagements for the visit and an announcement of these details will be made when an approved programme has been decided.

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CANBERRA  
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BACKGROUND NOTE:

Sir Paul Hasluck's official visit to New Zealand in February of this year was the first time, following an earlier approval from Buckingham Palace, that a Governor-General of Australia had travelled abroad in his official capacity as Head of his own country. The proposed State Visit by the Governor-General of New Zealand later this year reciprocates Sir Paul's visit.