

## PRIME MINISTER

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MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, MR WILLIAM MCMAHON TO SIR KEITH HOLYOAKE AND THE RT HON. J.R.MARSHALL.

The Prime Minister, Mr William McMahon, today sent the following messages to Sir Keith Holyoake and The Rt Hon. J.R. Marshall:

The text of the message to Sir Keith Holyoake reads :-

" We recall today with appreciation and admiration your very great service to your country over many years as Prime Minister and also your very great contribution in that capacity to Austraian/New Zealand relations and I may add to Commonwealth relations. I send you and Lady Holyoake warm good wishes on my own behalf and on behalf of my colleagues. "

The text of the message to The Rt Hon. J.R.Marshall reads :-

- " I send you from myself and all my colleagues warmest congratulations and good wishes as you take up your high and responsible office of Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- " I look forward to a continuation of the close co-operation which has long existed between our two governments and countries. "

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