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DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN

The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr E.G. Whitlam, has sent the following messages to President Nixon and Mrs Truman on the death of the former President:-

Message to President Nixon

The Government and people of Australia join with those the world over who deeply regret the passing of a very great President and a most distinguished American.

President Truman assumed office in times of unparalleled complexity and difficulty and was faced during his Presidency with a number of decisions that profoundly affected the future and the well-being of mankind.

His inauguration of the Marshall Plan, which rebuilt Europe, stands as one of the greatest and most generous acts of statesmanship of modern times. Under his guidance the United States steadily assumed her post-war role as leader of the Western democracies.

The sympathy and condolences of all Australians go out to the late President's widow and family in their bereavement.

Message to Mrs Truman

Please accept the deepest sympathy of my Government and of the people of Australia on the passing of your distinguished husband.

President Truman has rightly earned a lasting place in history for the great role of leadership he played during a most critical period in world affairs.

We share the grief and sorrow that you and your family are experiencing at this time.