



**PRIME MINISTER**

25 July 1974

TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO THE  
PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE

"TO: HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS,  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

I RECEIVED THE NEWS OF YOUR RESTORATION AS PRIME MINISTER WITH DELIGHT AND HASTEN TO OFFER YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS. THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY TO ITS BIRTHPLACE HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY BY THE LARGE AND GREATLY RESPECTED GREEK COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA. I EXTEND TO YOU MY WARM GOOD WISHES AS YOU ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR COUNTRY WITH WHICH AUSTRALIA HAS HAD ENDURING AND INTIMATE ASSOCIATIONS IN WAR AND PEACE.

GOUGH WHITLAM  
PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA".