



PRIME MINISTER

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NUCLEAR TESTS CASE

The Prime Minister said that he understood that the effect of the majority decision of the Court was that the objective of Australia had been accomplished in as much as the Court found that by its public statements France had undertaken the obligation to hold no further nuclear tests in the atmosphere in the South Pacific. The Court was not therefore called upon to give a decision.

The Court had also indicated that if the basis of this judgment were to be affected in the future Australia could request an examination by the Court of the situation in accordance with the provisions of the statute of the Court.

The Prime Minister added that his advisers would be studying the judgment of the Court and the separate opinions given by the individual judges.

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