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PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

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VIETNAMESE CHILDREN IN SYDNEY

The Prime Minister and Mrs Whitlam visited both the Quarantine Station at North Head and the Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children in Sydney this afternoon.

After Mr Whitlam's visit to North Head it was announced that senior Australian Government and State Government officials were working closely to streamline arrangements for the Vietnamese children to join adoptive parents.

More than half the children are receiving hospital treatment in Sydney but none is said to be in danger.

At North Head, more than 40 voluntary workers are helping medical and nursing staff care for the children.

Health checks are continuing on all children and it will be some days before these are completed.

Officials stressed that these checks were essential for the welfare of the children and it was important that these be completed before the children were moved.

Canberra A.C.T.