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## PRIME MINISTER

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### Second Orphan Flight

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, today announced details of a second Australian charter flight to bring Vietnamese children to Australia.

He said that a Qantas Boeing 747 aircraft, chartered by the Australian Government, would leave Sydney at 2 pm today to fly to Bangkok.

On board will be a large team of medical personnel, who will be flown from Bangkok to Saigon by RAAF aircraft to accompany the children back to Bangkok to join the Qantas flight. The Qantas flight is expected to return to Melbourne on Wednesday.

The medical personnel will include 40 nurses, three pediatricians, two general practitioners, officers from the Department of Health and senior officials from the Departments of Labor and Immigration and Social Security.

The Qantas charter aircraft will be fully loaded with about 27 tonnes of relief supplies for Vietnam. This will include five tonnes of clothing, children's foods and medicines which have been provided by Australian voluntary agencies for the Rosmary Taylor Orphanage in Saigon. There will also be \$65,000 worth of drugs and other medicines from the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, and milk powder.

The Prime Minister said that it was not yet certain how many children would return to Australia on the Qantas charter. The final number would be advised later, following advice from the Australian Embassy in Saigon.

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