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GUY BOYD ART EXHIBITION MELBOURNE

SPEECH NOTES FOR HON. MALCOLM FRASER M.P.

DELIGHTED TO OPEN EXHIBITION

GUY BOYD - DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIAN
ART

- MEMBER OF MOST DISTINGUISHED ARTISTIC FAMILY
AUSTRALIA HAS KNOWN

- LINDSAYS

AUSTRALIA HAS EXTRA-ORDINARY RICH ARTISTIC TRADITION

OPERA

BALLET

MUSIC

PAINTING

- HARDLY AN AREA IN WHICH AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOT
EXCELLED

- INTERESTING HOW MANY HAVE EXCELLED INTERNATIONALLY
BY OWN INITIATIVE - AGAINST ODDS
- NO GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
- GOVERNMENT'S MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO STIFLE THIS

MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW

- OWN SISTER - ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONIST
 - EXHIBITIONS
 - GRAPHICALLY DEPICTED CHRISTOPHER FRY'S
POEMS
 - HUSBAND - AUSTRALIAN POET. ●

MAY BE SURPRISING TO RECALL - BASIC INITIATIVES IN
SUPPORT FOR ARTS TAKEN BY LIBERAL-NCP

MENZIES - ELIZABETHAN TRUST

HOLT - ARTISTIC FAMILY

TOTAL MYTH THAT INTEREST STARTED WITH LABOR

ESTABLISHED * COMMONWEALTH LITERARY BOARD

* AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY

* FIRST STEPS TO FILM CORP.

* ARTS COUNCIL

SELF - PROMOTED/ESTABLISHED CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC
AS MINISTER

- EARNEST LLEWELLYN

- EXCITING PROJECT

IMPORTANT THING WITH INCREASING GOVERNMENT AID -
ABSOLUTE FREEDOM OF THE ARTS

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

- * HELP CREATE CONDITIONS IN WHICH ARTS CAN FLOURISH

- * ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY THAT APPRECIATES ART
 - AND CAN AFFORD ART

FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR PATRONS - FOR ARTISTS

AS IN ALL AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED -
IMPORTANT THAT SUPPORT DOES NOT LEAD TO DIRECTION

ESSENCE OF LIBERAL PHILOSOPHY - FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

SOCIALISM - DIRECTION - GOVERNMENT CONTROL

- "SOCIALIST REALISM" - SOVIET, CHINA
- CAN END UP WITH ART WHERE THE BEST IS NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THE WORST

SOCIETY MUST BE OPEN TO INFLUENCE FROM OVERSEAS

GREAT THEATRE, GREAT MUSIC, GREAT ART MUST BE
INTERNATIONAL, COSMOPOLITAN - ART MUST CROSS ALL
POLITICAL FRONTIERS.

- ENCOURAGE GREAT CONTEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS HERE -
YOUNG ARTIST
- PART OF JOB OF CREATING COMMUNITY AWARE
AND INTERESTED IN ART
- AUSTRALIAN'S CAN BE IN THE VANGUARD OF THE
WORLD
- EXCITING TO CONTEMPLATE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN

FUTURE

- * ESSENTIAL FABRIC OF ART COUNCILS WILL BE MAINTAINED - A FABRIC LARGELY ESTABLISHED BY PREVIOUS LIBERAL GOVERNMENTS

- * NOT OUT TO CUT THE GRANT - TO CUT WASTE

- * I AM NOT PREPARED TO HAVE THE ARTS LOST IN BUREAUCRACY

- THERE IS SOMETHING MORE TO GOVERNING AUSTRALIA THAN MERE EFFICIENT ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

- AUSTRALIA IS MUCH MORE THAN AN EFFICIENT ECONOMY

- THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WILL MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT ROLE IN RELATION TO SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS.

AUSTRALIA CAN BE PART OF VITAL WORLD CULTURE