



## PRIME MINISTER

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### MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT FORD ON THE DEATH OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

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The Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Fraser, today received the following message of condolence on the death of the Australian Ambassador to the United States, Sir Patrick Shaw, from the President of the United States, Mr Gerald Ford.

"On behalf of the United States Government and myself I offer our condolences at the untimely death of Ambassador Sir Patrick Shaw. He has been an outstanding representative of Australia in Washington. We will miss him greatly.

(Signed) Gerald R. Ford."

In response the Prime Minister has sent the following message to Mr Ford.

"Thank you very much for your message of condolence on the death of our Ambassador to the United States. I appreciate your thoughtfulness greatly as I am sure does his family."