

PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister sent the following message to President Tito of Yugoslavia on the occasion of the death of the Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, Mr. Bijedic and his wife in a plane crash on 19 January:

"On behalf of the Government and people of Australia and my own behalf, I offer sincere condolences on the sad loss which Yugoslavia has suffered by the tragic death of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Bijedic.

We recall their visit to Australia in 1973. Could you please convey the sympathy and condolences of myself and my Government to his bereaved family."