



PRIME MINISTER

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MESSAGE TO FRENCH PRESIDENT-ELECT MITTERAND

The Prime Minister tonight sent the following telex to the President-elect of France, M. Francois Mitterand:

"Dear Mr President-elect,

On behalf of the Australian Government and on my own behalf, I would like to extend to you warmest congratulations and best wishes on your election as President of France.

Australia attaches great importance to relations with the countries of Western Europe and with none more so than France. I look forward to the further development of relations between Australia and France under your leadership, drawing strength from our shared concern for the peace and stability of the international community, as well as from the importance that both our countries attach to the South Pacific.

I look forward to an opportunity to meet with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Fraser."

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