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PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY THE KING AND QUEEN OF SWEDEN

His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf and Her Majesty Silvia of Sweden are to make a State Visit to Australia during late March and early April 1982 at the invitation of the Governor-General.

His Majesty has visited Australia previously when, as Crown Prince, he was a cadet on the Swedish naval training ship "Alzsnabben" which visited Australia in early 1967.

The State Visit will be the first by a Swedish monarch to Australia.

The detailed arrangements for the visit are being planned in consultation with the authorities in the States and will be announced in due course.

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