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PRIME MINISTER

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The President of the United States, Mr Ronald Reagan, has invited me to make an official working visit to the United State. I have accepted that invitation and will meet with the President in San Francisco on 5 March 1983. Following the meeting and a working lunch, the President has invited me to fly with him to Washington for meetings with other members of his administration.

The President had earlier indicated that he would seek an opportunity before the next Summit Conference in May in Williamsburg to have discussions on matters of mutual interest. There are many international issues vitally affecting the Australian economy, and therefore the opportunity to exchange views with Mr Reagan at this time will be particularly valuable for the Australian Government.

I shall be accompanied on the visit by the Foreign Minister, Mr Street.

The visit will be brief. After engagements in Washington and New York, I shall be returning immediately to Australia.

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