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INFO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA.

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FOLLOW NG FOR SECRETARY OF STATE FROM LORD PRIVY SEAL

CANBERRA TELEGRAMS NOS 351-357

1. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT WHICH THE AUSTRALIANS
HAVE IN MIND IS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR A SHORT AND INFORMAL
VISIT AND SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS.

2. THE STATEMENT TO A LARGE EXTENT REFLECTS MR FRASER'S PERSONAL

VIEWS, WHICH IN SOME CASES ARE AT VARIANCE WITH OUR OWN. WE SHALL

COMMENT TO CANBERRA TOMORROW ON POINTS OF DETAIL, BUT YOU MAY WISH

TO ADVISE THE PRIME MINISTER TO LET MR FRASER KNOW A ONCE THAT HER

PREFERENCE IS FOR A VERY SHORT GENERAL STATEMENT WITH RELATIVELY

LITTLE DETAIL. APART FROM MORE GENERAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS,

DISCUSSION OF A STATEMENT OF THE SORT ENVISAGED BY TTE AUSTRALIANS

WOULD TAKE UP A GREAT DEAL OF VALUABLE TIME DURING WHAT IS ALREADY

A VERY BRIEF VISIT.

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