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The Right Honourable Robert Gordon Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, and Mrs. Menzies will arrive in Ottawa on Sunday, June 22, at 5.30 p.m. EDT for a visit of four days. They will be accompanied by the Secretary, Australian Department of External Affairs, Mr. A.S. Watt; the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, Dr. Roland Wilson; the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defence, Mr. F. Chilton; and the Secretary to the Prime Minister's Department, Mr. A.S. Brown. While in Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Menzies will stay at Government House.

This will be Mr. Menzies' fourth visit to Ottawa. His previous visits were in May 1941 and August 1950 when he was Prime Minister, and in October 1948 when he was the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Menzies left Australia on May 14, spent a week in Washington, left for London on May 21 and returned to Vashington on June 17. He will leave Ottawa at 9.30 a.m. Thursday, June 26, for New York, and will then fly back to Australia.

Following is the programme of his visit to Ottawa (all times Fastern Daylight):

Sunday, June 22

3.30 p.m. - Leave Washington by plane
5.30 p.m. - Arrive at Rockcliffe Airport
Inspect Guard of Honour
5.55 p.m. - Arrive at Government House

Monday, June 23

10.00 a.m. - Lay wreath at National War Memorial Inspect Guard .

10.15 a.m. - Press Conference at Parliamentary Press Gallery

11.30 a.m.- 4p.m. Calls on the Prime Minister, Minister of National Defence, Minister of Finance, and Secretary of State for External Affairs

5.30 p.m. - Reception at residence of High Commissioner for Australia

8.00 p.m. - Dinner at Government House

Tuesday, June 24

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10.00 a.m. - Further conversations with Canadian Cabinet Ministers

1.00 p.m. - Lunch with the Leader of the Opposition

7.45 p.m. - Dinner at residence of High Commissioner for Australia