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Deliver following message from the President to

Prime Minister Menzies:

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Quote/ Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your recent letter forwarded to me by Ambassador Beale expressing your views on the question of the Qantas application for service through Tahiti. I have reviewed the points you raise most carefully, but I regret that it is necessary to find that there is no over-riding basis for reversing the recommendation made to me by the Civil Aeronautics Board. I have therefore approved the Board's recommendation and will release this decision within a week.

I realize that you will receive this decision with disappointment, but I hope you will understand it was reached only after intensive consideration of all aspects of the question.

By *[Signature]* NARA, Date 4/5/67

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I appreciated greatly the opportunity we had during your recent visit to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

John Kennedy

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Signed original follows.

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