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The Rt. Hon. H.E. Holt, C.H., M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

My dear Prime Minister,

We would very much appreciate it if you could spare the time to see us for a few moments this week before the House rises.

We feel that the initiative on the Aboriginal question is passing out of the Government's hands, and that there may be serious repercussions if we do not take some immediate action to follow up the Referendum result. The Government has friends among the Aborigines, but it could lose them soon unless something tangible is done.

We could then get a mass Aboriginal vote against us in electorates such as Herbert, Kennedy, Grey and Northern Territory, where our margin is small: and the sentimental appeal of this question could cost us votes right throughout Australia.

We have a definite plan to put before you, which we believe could be implemented without delay.

We hope you will give us an opportunity to discuss this with you.

Yours sincerely,

Seen by the Prime  
Minister

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