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***MEDIA ALERT***

**WHITLAM, NIXON AND THE 1970S ALLIANCE CRISIS**

In the period from December 1972 until November 1975 the US-Australia alliance faced its greatest ever crisis. In the hands of President Richard Nixon and Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, a relationship that had endured the heights of the Cold War veered dangerously off course and seemed headed for destruction.

A special event hosted by AIIAACT **this Thursday, May 21st**, will hear Professor James Curran, Associate Professor at the Department of History and US Studies Centre, the University of Sydney, discuss the background to a piece of history which threatened the Alliance.

The media is invited to attend this event.

**TIME: 6.00PM**

**DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 21ST**

**VENUE: STEPHEN HOUSE, 32 THESIGER COURT, DEAKIN**

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