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PROGRAMME TITLE:

ABC-TV PLAY "THE QUIET SEASON" --- produced in
Brisbane.

DESCRIPTION:



PICTURE SHOWS:

Mrs. Gray (Betty Ross) the boarding house
owner, Madge (Nonie Stewart) and Sue Gray
(Elaine Cusick).

TRANSMISSION DATE: ABC-TV Monday, June 28 at 10.10pm



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ACTRESS NONIE STEWART AND PRODUCER JOHN CROYSTON
RELAX WITH THEIR CAMERAMAN ON THE BEACH NEAR
BRISBANE DURING THE FILMING OF THE TV PLAY
"THE QUIET SEASON" DURING APRIL, 1965.

PROGRAMME TITLE:

DESCRIPTION:

PICTURE SHOWS:

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DESCRIPTION:

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SEASON" DISCUSS CAMERA ANGLES DURING OUTDOOR
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