

FOR PRESS:

P. M. No. 99/1968

DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS UP TO 1971

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

Cabinet today concluded its discussion on the detailed arrangements for implementation of the previously announced "in principle" decision to maintain Naval, Army and Air Forces in Malaysia/Singapore until the end of 1971.

We are now conveying firm details of the proposed arrangements to New Zealand, and to Singapore and Malaysia who, of course, as the States concerned will have their own arrangements to consider consequential on our message.

---

CANBERRA  
18 December 1968