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MANUFACTURE OF MIRAGE FIGHTER FOR R. A. A. F.

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Statement by the Acting
Prime Minister (Rt. Hon.
J.F. McEwen)

The Acting Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. J.F. McEwen) announced this afternoon that Cabinet had decided that the Government Aircraft Factory would be prime contractor for the French Dassault Mirage Fighter for the Royal Australian Air Force.

He said that the Government had invited the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation to manufacture the engine and the wing and fin for the fighter.

Mr. McEwen said that the wing and fin represented about one-third of the work on the total air frame.

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