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GREATER MALAYSIA

Statement by the Minister for External Affairs

The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. R.G. Menzies, stated today that the Australian Government was greatly interested in the concept of Greater Malaysia. If it proved practicable, it could contribute significantly to stability and progress in an area in whose development and progress Australia was deeply interested.

The Minister for External Affairs expressed pleasure that this imaginative and far-sighted concept would shortly be the subject of exploratory talks in London between Malayan Ministers led by the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, and the United Kingdom Government.

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