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Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies.

I have decided that I should, in the coming Parliamentary recess, pay a brief visit to Britain and the United States in response to invitations which I have received from the Governments of those countries. I will have the opportunity of personal discussions in London with Mr. Macmillan and in Washington with President Kennedy. I am in touch also with Mr. Pearson, the Prime Minister of Canada, in the hope that we may be able to arrange a discussion between us in Ottawa.

I propose to leave Sydney for London on 13th June and to return to Australia, by way of North America, arriving in Sydney on 12th July.

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13th May, 1963.