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MISSION TO KUALA LUMPUR

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

I indicated in my statement after the Cabinet meeting of January 16 that the Government was consulting with the Malaysian Government to see what it could do to contribute to the development of Malaysia's own defence effort.

Pursuant to this, the Cabinet today gave further consideration to the question of assistance to Malaysia in the development and expansion of its own forces.

The Government has been given to understand by the Malaysian authorities that certain assistance in the form of material and training would be useful, and accordingly it is proposed to send a mission to Kuala Lumpur to discuss and assess what items, within Australia's capacity to supply, may be needed.

MELBOURNE,
28th January, 1964.