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PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies will make a short visit to Perth this week to hold talks with the Minister for Defence, Senator Paltridge who is recuperating from a recent operation.

The Prime Minister said today that he proposed taking advantage of this week's Parliamentary recess to call on his colleague and discuss some Defence matters. No particular issues were involved but because of the importance of Defence generally, it would be valuable to have an exchange of views with the responsible Minister.

Until the appointment last week of the Postmaster-General, Mr. Hulme, as Acting Minister for Defence, the Prime Minister had been handling Defence matters personally during Senator Paltridge's illness.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Dame Pattie Menzies, will fly to Perth from Melbourne on Tuesday and will return to Canberra the following day.

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MELBOURNE,

31st October, 1965.