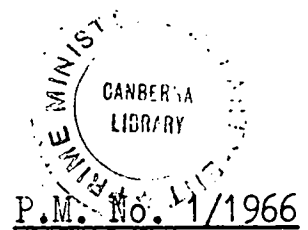


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TALKS WITH THE BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

The British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Stewart, and the British Secretary of State for Defence, Mr. Healey, will be visiting Washington on 27th January for talks with the American Government.

These talks are in connection with the British Defence Review which is now proceeding and follow discussions which the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, had in Washington recently with President Johnson. Afterwards Mr. Healey will fly on to Canberra for discussions with Australian and New Zealand Ministers. Mr. Healey is expected to arrive on 31st January.

The Governments mentioned, all being interested in the Far East, have been keeping one another continuously informed of their thinking on the security problems of the region.

CANBERRA,
5th January, 1966.