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ELECTED MINISTRY

Statement by the Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, the Rt. Hon. Harold Holt, M.P.

The question of an elected Ministry was raised at the meeting of the Liberal Party this afternoon. There was no proposal that the elective process should apply to the Ministry about to be formed. The proposal before the meeting was that a Committee of the Party be constituted to go more thoroughly into this question in all its aspects and to report back to the Party prior to the next Federal General Election.

The view taken by the Party after discussion was to reject the setting up of a Committee of the Party, but to regard the matter as open to be raised at the first meeting held following the general elections, which are likely to be held towards the end of this year.

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