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STATEMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF
DEFENCE CONSULTATIONS IN CANBERRA

Consultations in the light of the British defence review have been taking place in Canberra during the last two days between Australian Ministers, Mr. Dean Eyre, New Zealand Minister of Defence and Mr. Denis Healey, British Defence Minister.

The British Government's provisional conclusions were explained by Mr. Healey. They provided the basis for a full, and helpful, discussion in which Australian and New Zealand Ministers explained their attitudes towards the future problems of allied defence policy in this area of the world.

Mr. Healey, who has also had discussions in Washington with United States Ministers, will be returning to London after a short visit to Singapore and Malaysia, to report to his colleagues.

Arrangements have been made for consultation to continue as required through appropriate channels.

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