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GOLD TALKS: CABINET ARRANGEMENTS.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, said this evening that he had advanced the Cabinet meeting which would normally be held on Tuesday to Monday so that as soon as the results of the Washington meeting became known tomorrow, Ministers would be able to consider the possible implications for Australia, if any.

Various approaches to the problem are being considered at Washington but there is no point in trying to forecast in advance what approach will ultimately be adopted.

Mr. Gorton stressed that tomorrow's Cabinet was not an emergency meeting.

Canberra. 17 March, 1968.