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TALKS WITH MR. RUSK

The American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, was at the Lodge today from 10.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. No statement was issued after the talks.

The first session, from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. was attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Rusk and the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Hasluck.

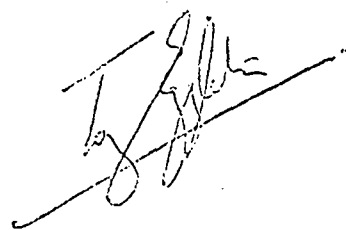
Luncheon at the Lodge was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gorton, Mr. and Mrs. Rusk, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Sinclair and Mr. and Mrs. Crock.

All the Australian Ministers at the luncheon attended the afternoon discussions which lasted from approximately 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

The talks covered a variety of matters of common interest to both countries.

Mrs. Gorton was host to Mrs. Rusk throughout the day, and took her shopping and sightseeing.

CANBERRA
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