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## PRIME MINISTER

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### MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND OPPOSITION LEADERS

Mr Fraser has asked for a meeting. As I am always ready to discuss issues rationally and sensibly, I welcomed the opportunity to do just that. Mr Fraser is now saying he will insist absolutely on the requirements for a general election before Christmas or before 30 June. He is also insisting that Australian Government officials be present to advise him and his colleagues.

The Constitutional dispute boils down to one simple principle; the Party with the unchallenged majority in the House of Representatives must be allowed to govern.

Officials give advice to the Government. The Government advises the Governor-General as to when any election should be held.

Frank Crean, Fred Daly and I are still happy to meet with Mr Fraser tomorrow morning, but I do not want him or anyone else to be under any impression that such a meeting is taking place to permit him, as Leader of the Opposition, to either name the date of an election or to receive advice from officials.

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