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ALLEN S. BROWN

(CABINET NOTES, 4/12/51 to 27/3/52)

PERSONAL (No. 3)

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Cabinet.      4.12.51.      10.30 a.m.

The Chiefs of Staff and Sir F Shedden were in attendance

P.M. asked for a strategic appreciation with a special reference to S.E. Asia.

Mr Holt – asks whether there is any change in view as to the imminence of war. – critical period is 1952 onwards.

Collins – There is no change – bases in Hainan, building cruisers 20 fast long range & 150 older type subs could get down here in the Pacific. They are mass producing a

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<sup>1</sup> Note: the pages in this notebook are numbered 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 etc.

good submarine. There are 5 new cruisers in Vladivostock – 9.000 – 10.000 tons. They are good cruisers with a relatively short endurance.

Anthony – What would be consequences of the loss of the Middle East.

Collins. – The ANZAM region is our responsibility. The U.S. have assured us that they will look after the N. of the line. We will look after the area. in the beginning of the war. We convoy to the M.E. all the way. We are responsible for communications in the area. Should Singapore go Darwin will increase in importance. There is no question of invasion until China & Russia develop maritime power. Our threat is almost entirely a submarine threat. The bait will be the line U.S. to Japanese base. This will be hard. They will send down subs to sink shipping & lay mines. The fast submarine is no good with a gun. We can practically disregard shelling by subs. It will be torpedos or mines. We must have a carrier aid group. The Melb. will not be available for 2½ years. We will borrow the Theseus from abt the end of '52 for 4 years while the Sydney goes back to refit. There will be 2 carrier groups – one will have to go with escorts. Subs have a long endurance & there is also a tanker. If before global war had broken out Indonesia, Burma, Indo China<sup>2</sup> Malaya had gone communist everything would be closer. This would increase the intensity of attack. If they have Indonesia those 5 cruisers would be something of a menace, assuming they get down. U.K. is withdrawing everything except minesweeps & perhaps two destroyers in Far East.

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We mustn't confine ourselves to this area .- we may have to help in Persian Gulf or even in the Mediterranean.

The estimate of 9½ mths to get to the Kra Isthmus is based on the present situation and the assumption that it will continue.

Rowell. These movements across the territories all take a great deal of time. You might well have lost the war in the M.E. before the threat to Malaya develops. The U.K. proposes to take away only the commando brigade – They have 23 divisions – They say they can hold the Kia Isthmus with less than 3 divns. – we say a little more than 3 divisions. It is a very good defensive position but the internal security problem is difficult. Three divisions on the Kia Isthmus would prevent recruits to the communists. This defence is only possible so long as you have sea and air control. You need to keep open seas & air communications.

There is an armoured brigade ~~the~~ in M.E. –

The proposals of UK. are on p5.

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<sup>2</sup> 'Indo China' is inserted above the line.

Jones. There is no increase in the possibility of war. Russians are strenuously building up air strength & atomic strength.

Holt suggests that Russia may be designing to hold what he has. He has 10/1 over all allies. – but in first class aircraft it is less than that.

Very slight air threat to Australia. He could by special designed aircraft drop a bomb on capital city – or by a one way raid.

Loss of Malaya would increase that threat. It would be a mistake to reinforce Malaya. To make a decisive stand in Malaya would be a mistake.

He has over 500 first class fighters just N. of Korea. He is building up his bomber force & is beginning to contest air superiority in Korea. He is building air ships in Korea. That force could be used against Burma etc. He could not be decisive in Malaya without bases.

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It would not take long to obtain air superiority in Indo China. ~~(They~~ For sea communications in ANZAM. – We are reestablishing Cocos & this is a vital link with sea communication reconnaissance. We have Manus & bases along east coast. – 2 Rec. squadrons. One at Townsville, Neptunes at Perth.

What do you know abt U.S. strategic planning re S.E Asia.

Nothing. I think they are excluding both Middle East & Pacific.

They visualise running ships.

But sofar as we know they are not proposing to commit army or air forces to S.E. Asia.

Yes we could hold Cocos even if Indonesia fell.

Russians have very good radar, but it is not better than U.S.

Kent Hughes. UK & US. outlook is we will probably lose SE Asia & India & Pakistan<sup>3</sup> & this will not be vital. – But we will have most of the sea routes & the main fight will be in M. East and W. Europe.

P.M On S.E Asia we assume no invasion of Aust, perhaps some sporadic air raid. There will be submarine activity & need naval forces for that & escort. We ought to have army & air force in M.E & construct them for that end. We may later on have to

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<sup>3</sup> ' & India & Pakistan' is inserted above the line.

send forces to SE Asia. We don't know what U.S. proposes to do. but we do know that UK. has little capacity to maintain forces in S.E. Asia.

Collins. They do propose holding Manila. ... as bases ..

### Middle East.

Collins. – Oil & Suez Canal.

Rowell – reads from U.K. paper.

### Jones

For M.E. – W Europe being UK US & Europe faces [?] the loss of M.E. & quick loss would expose N. Africa to early loss – lose Dakar, N. Africa. (Malta indefensible?). In fighting a war in the Middle East. – we need labour units from Kenya even now.

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Snedden. In London we were told producing 700 aircraft a mth. Their potential was 5.000 p mth. Tizzard said that the Nene was an improvement metallurgically. I thought they were equal technically. 60.m tons a year as compared with 130–140m. tons of steel in N U.S. Strong says the best way is to leave it to the satellites. We must find out what the U.S. views are on global strategy. Even the UK knows only what is cooking in relation to N.A.T.O. Strong says Bedell Smith wants to come to Australia early in the New Year.

### Resume 2.15.pm.

What do army & air force regard as maximum feasible contribution in M.E. at D+12 mths. – & what new things need to be done.

### Rowell

UK. want  $3\frac{1}{3}$  divns. We can do that by normal means of recruitment & National Service scheme provided the equipment – espec the armoured brigade – is available. First divn. will be available in D+6 mths ready to fight. – ie, ready to despatch D+3 mths.

We have our citizen force order of battle –

2 to 3 divisions worth of units at various strengths.

From these units you-I have nominated the units who would be the first component. If war came next week we wld put out of these units those who have to go out and put

in all those who volunteer. This of course creates two armies. We could fulfil the time-table. We did it in 1939. October to January. I have dropped this two months from London because we are now further on. The second division could go in at D+9 mths.

What are the assumptions. – 1. We assume that we get men from C.M.F. or special enlistments.

What if some of your enlistments are raw recruits?

We are producing well trained men in 14 weeks.

You are not forming a completely new unit. Take Vict Scottish. You have 500 now. You merely draft others in to these units.

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We haven't got the trained officers for two divisions. We have enough for one and we can draw on the reserve & train officers for the second division.

Let us look at ~~1952~~ & 1953. –

See 175 Appendix. D.

Using traditional methods we can't improve on 1 division at D+6 and two at D+9m. We can't under these methods have a fully trained division at D day under these methods.

Mr Francis draws attention to the fact that the great bulk of the army would be 18 & 19 year olds.

P.M. What would we need to do now to produce the 1953. result.

(a) an extended period of training. 12/18 mths.

(b) An obligation for overseas service.

The first divn. should be permanently mobilised – the other  $2\frac{1}{3}$  are C.M.F.

Jones – Mobilisation of 16 sq. by end of 1953.

9 squadrons of 96 aircraft.

Token Forces in Middle East.

P.M. raises the question of liaison between Defence Ctee and External Affairs. Is it not possible to have them brought in before the appreciation is completed. Shedden suggests an External affairs review to precede all defence submissions. Query Casey's report went to Defence – Yes.

External affairs should have a very senior liaison officer to Chiefs of Staff & Secretary Defence Department.

CA.S raises the question of radar & the Bendix order.

Appendix F stressed by Collins – need to encourage long service men to sign on again. The 12 years men are running out of time.

Puts in a plea for £50. & higher pay. –

also holding of time expired men.

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The Chiefs of Staff left the meeting at 5.5pm.

P.M sums up.

We can't meet the UK. timetable without altering the time of training and the terms of overseas service.

We can meet our own proposal without any change.

The second thing is we should tell the U.K. that the first component goes to M.E. & the second component will be determined later.

Do we accept a commitment but point out that circumstances alter commitments. The 9½ mths assessment is all on the assumption that things stay as they are.

The third question is whether we should send an interim airforce to the Middle East.

I don't understand the position about U.S.A. – what does our military mission doing in U.S. on the strategic side – Churchill is going to discuss global strategy.

If it were not for the problem of what Australia will allow A'ns to do it would not be so difficult.

(Page. Spender ought to be able to get information from the U.S.). What we want to know – is what is U.S. plan for S.E. Asia and what is her view as to what Aust. should do.

McBride doubts whether the U.K. knows what the U.S. view is on S.E. Asia. Would not the time be to make the approach first before Churchill sees Truman.

P.M. – our job is to crack into N.A.T.O. so as to get supply as well as define our obligations.

We are dealing with one aspect without the other.

P.M. We should brief Spender very closely on this matter. My guess is that U.S. will not put forces in to defend South East Asia.

Spooner. The supply tasks that we are setting ourselves are beyond us – & I am sure that you can bring back a scheme and arrangements as to what we should do.

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Let us agree with first proposal D+6. & first component.

If there is a new feeling or war breaks out then we say let us have compulsory service.

This is a commitment.

XXX We are prepared to commit  $3\frac{1}{3}$  divisions within 9 mths of outbreak of war – the first division in M.E. in D+6 mths and  $2\frac{1}{3}$  divisions within 9 mths (11 months in 1952)<sup>4</sup> either to M.E. or to S.E. Asia.

McBride – I believe that we are underestimating the preparedness of public opinion. We have planned 2 brigades by 1953. Perhaps we can get one brigade there earlier than 6 mths. – ~~but~~ perhaps on outbreak of war or even before. We haven't got battle equipment. We don't envisage an armoured ~~divis~~ brigade until the Second division. There will have to be an announcement at some time.

Public opinion will have to be educated in favour of the middle east.

Page says the announcement should be made to parliament.

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<sup>4</sup> '(11 mths in 1952).' is inserted above the line.

(Holt – We should prohibit speculation on cabinet discussions or reports of cabinet discussions – Query whether it should be limited to defence matters. There is a procedure in England that certain types of classified information would not be published without reference to the department concerned.).

Hasluck – we are now entitled to ask US. what they are going to do in S.E. Asia. This should be on P.M. to President level.

Francis. Turkey is on NATO. Can't we be a member as well & also for supplies.

Kent Hughes. – Query. Does the overseas provision for service still apply.

Air Force – We should say 9<sup>5</sup> squadrons subject to what are our ~~Token forces in the Middle East~~ our existing<sup>6</sup> commitments are in Malaya & Korea.

They will have to provide the aircraft for us.

This comes down to 5 squadrons subject to them providing the aircraft. These are part of the first component.

P.M If we establish a commitment fm outset at war then that is a commitment which gives you a view into the war. The moment war breaks out the position changes – you perhaps

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increase very substantially as the govt can control men and materials.

Let (135.000 Army.                      33.000 Air Force                      Navy).

Token forces in Middle East.

Raise the question with U.K. as to our rights under the Treaty.

Agree to send two squadrons, as suggested –.

Approve of Navy exchange of ships as suggested on p.

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Ass Sec. or Sec. to attend defence ctee when strategy is being discussed.

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<sup>5</sup> 'fighter' is inserted above the line.

<sup>6</sup> 'our existing' is written above ~~Token forces in the Middle East~~.

(Come back to Service Boards at some time later in the week).

[Kent Hughes raises the question of civil defence.

You should put in an act which provides a skeleton service. There is also the Blood Bank for the Red Cross. – there is an annual expense here and some provision of VADs male & female.

Agreed that Kent Hughes should proceed along these lines. ie. do preparatory work on such a bill.]

How many would re-enlist if they were offered £50. (Minister for Navy McBride Treasurer & P.M. to determine question of

D.P.C. 51/50 – ~~Refer and~~ Minister to ask UK. for report on whole & report back to Defn Prod Ctee<sup>7</sup> and vendors to be so advised.

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Submission No 1683. 185. 186. 189. –.

Spooner on housing agreement.

NSW. govt has never played.

Department of Labour and National Service.

Cabinet agreed that Mr H Bland be appointed Secretary of the Department as from 1-2-52 ~~as fr~~ at the present salary for the position.

Cabinet agreed that Mr W. Funnell should be appointed Chairman of ~~the~~ Directors of the Hostels Co. on a full time basis for 2 years. The position will be reviewed at that time with the object of the position becoming a part time one from then on. –.

Not more than existing salary.

Look at publicity side on Loan Program. – Friday a publicity session

Instructions in 189 approved.

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<sup>7</sup> '& report back to Def Prod Ctee.' is inserted above the line.

2.20pm

P.M. asks what are we doing<sup>8</sup> to stabilise the bond market. Have we thought of using any of the big underwriting groups – issuing houses. – P.M. reads Ricketson's<sup>9</sup> speech. – Spooner suggests that this should<sup>10</sup>

Holt raises the possibility of 10 to 15% of taxation in form of compulsory loan.

On Loan Council Submission No 189. – Treasury recommendations approved.<sup>11</sup>

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Submission. 183.

Holt – The over-riding issue is really the tie between this country & the U.K U.K is packing 50m. people into a small area, imports foodstuffs, ~~the~~ will not encourage migration. They are building up industrialisation too far. Secondly rate of production of secondary goods will outstrip primary production. UK. must be relatively worse off. Must we fall with the UK.

Should we narrow our own trade and our opportunities in order to salvage UK in particular and sterling area in general. We ~~have~~ must not fail to develop our country to meet a particular crisis in UK. affairs.

The papers present a narrow restrictive approach. Should not quantitative restrictions be defined according to their use rather than the source of imports.

Kent Hughes. But our position is not different from that of the UK. Neither of us is doing enough work to keep ourselves alive.

Page – We should understand the marked difference between a developed U.K. and an underdeveloped country like Australia. We have a good jumping off point – first a large volume of imports and secondly London balances to pay for them. We must not try to develop Australia with local capital, we must get some in from outside. In USA 1820–1837 they had adverse balance and then for 10–12 years the reverse then for 30/40 years they absorbed capital and so on. We started off with British capital. But can Britain now supply the capital and can we get it from anywhere else. We are ready to fight and we are ready to send you food but we must have capital for development. We should not adopt restrictive import policies.

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<sup>8</sup> 'to make sure we are using available resources' is inserted above the line.

<sup>9</sup> 'Nevison's' is written above Ricketson's.

<sup>10</sup> 'be extended to national development works.' is written above the line.

<sup>11</sup> A 'tick mark' follows this line.

Anthony – Treasurer has to talk facts not generalities. We have to accept the present situation. What are we going to sell to U.S. (meat and base metals). Can we get machinery from the U.S. if we try. We are a drain on the dollar pool. – this year \$158m. Britain has to export to live. We will get out of our deficiency of goods is by working harder.

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Spooner.

Our national progress has been influenced by two world wars – in each case industrially. This has made us unbalanced. This time we should get our equipment etc from the U.S. and we should weaken our association (financial) with the U.K. We should concentrate on rural areas., we should put £x.m. into a food producing program rather than into an aircraft factory.

Harrison – We have built up a lot of back yard industries and we are trying to rectify this. We are gambling on wool now instead of wheat. We are trying to do too much. We need to move more in the direction of primary industry.

McMahon – We should tell them in London of what steps we have taken. We can take other steps – ~~on~~ large loans from London or US. Secondly there is the question of hours and wages. – wages are out We should try to stabilise the wage element in our costs, we should approach the court immediately to have the quarterly adjustments suspended.

P.M.:The proposals which are likely to be put up in UK. Are.

1. Quantitative restrictions on dollar & non sterling imports
2. Internal anti-inflationary policies should be pursued.

Two reasons are put forward on the first –

(a) We have our own adverse balance ... Taking our own position. I am not worried yet about the running down of our London funds. But suppose we

decided to protect our London funds by import restrictions. This would be inflationary unless you reduce demand by a corresponding amount. The real

problem comes in with the Sterling bloc position. The bloc is in trouble. How do we stand in with the U.K. To walk out involves great political issues.

How do we help U.K. without reducing our imports. We have to explain to them that imports are part of our counter-inflationary policy.

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Wilson – Any imports mop up purchasing power. Some imports are anti-inflationary in a special sense because they fulfil a particular need. If you borrow overseas you don't mop up purchasing power but they may be anti-inflationary in the second sense.

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P.M. If restrictions on imports are brought up, we cannot put you in a position to make a bargain but merely to discuss the issue.

McEwen – This is the time that we have to stick to the U.K.

P.M. – I attach some hopes to Butler – he is well informed on British C/wealth matters. There has been discussion about borrowing. Borrowing in U.K. is too difficult. I.M.F. is out. The International Bank will not be much bigger than before. I wouldn't despair of UK, N.Z. & India together as borrowers for 3 . 4. or 5 billion dollars, a term of the loan being that the proceeds were to be used for development and for allowing the UK. to buy for dollars. What they want to do is to establish the economy of UK and developing the Br. C/w. And this is potentially the most powerful group in the world.

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8.15pm.

Capital Issues Control and Advance Policy –.

Treasurer read ~~the~~ Part B. Advance Policy. then part on Capital Issues Control and Advance Policy.

Agreed to raise Capital Issue quota from £10m. to £25m.

Could Boards next report include some treatment of the small applications that have been approved. (Hasluck)

Bank advance policy –

Bank board to make a report on ~~the~~ Holt's point. – ie. the possibility of banks ~~assisting~~ providing an opportunity small businessmen to dispose of their assets reasonably rather than being obliged to accept the heavy loss of a forced sale.

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Mr Holt read a short memo on the Employment situation.

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Treasurer to look at the incidence of taxation – including private company taxation.

Land Tax – Statutory Exemption

No change.<sup>12</sup>

Gifts to Educational Institutions.

There will have to be an amended income tax consolidation before June. These matters could be considered then.

It was emphasised that it was important to keep the private schools or at least their present proportion of the schools available to the community. Consensus of opinion was that some assistance should be given.

P.M. on the merits these schools should receive assistance even altho' we give the assistance to individuals. Secondly the harsher the budget the more important to balm.

I would give at least a years trial to gifts for schools.

I am in favour of deductions for school fees properly worked out. Sub-ctee to investigate these two matters – ~~with~~ with a view to working out a scheme – <sup>13</sup>

O'Sullivan, Page, Beale, Holt all offer. P.M. to choose it.

Prisoner of War aspect

In 1952 estimates – shown as P.O.W. Trust Fund “Grant.” in Oct 1950. – £194.000 held in cash & some in prospect. You had to have a grant to establish the fund. But in view of the misconception we should forget any idea of re-imbusement. Agreed.

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Medical Benefits. 147.

1. Scheme operating before election – Yes.
2. Is it this scheme? Yes, leaving aside the % to be paid by the contributor.
3. Introduce by bill or regulation?

Sir Earle Page would hope to introduce bill during the next budget session. He has in mind a comprehensive bill including hospital benefits, life-saving drugs, etc etc.

There should be a special combined party meeting to discuss details of the scheme.

Submission No 182.

Para. 11 – ?add electronics. – Recn. approved.

Agreed that there should be some prosecution under 30A.

Submission No 168.

Valuation or book value whichever is the higher.

Valuation is essential. Lloyds special man. Lloyds Registry of Shipping.

1. Get valuation for 30 ships in commission
2. Treat on basis of book value or valuation which is higher.

Agreed to orders being placed for 8 ore carrying ships –

4 for BHP. dual purpose<sup>14</sup> & 4 for Evans Deakin. – 10.000 tons.

B.H.P. to get 25% on ships built for own trade.

Submission 194 –

Agreed. next Tuesday – Treasurer P.M. McEwen Hasluck.

Submission 181.

Agreed.

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<sup>14</sup> 'dual purpose.' is inserted above the line.

Japan & I.M.F.

Agreed. ➔

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Wheat.

McEwen suggests that for the time being the position should be accepted. Then States ask W.A. to re-introduce legislation without reference to freights.

Payment of freights by C/w is not open to discussion.

Agreed.

Till 8pm

No. 161. – Approved.

Roster – Monday.

Cabinet in January, 2.15, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Wed & Thurs. in Cba.

~~Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>~~: Ctee on London Cfce to be appointed on 9/10<sup>th</sup>.

Overseas visits

Ctees only function is not to prevent people overseas widen to include – “the acquisition of scientific and special knowledge”

Suggest – “on duty with UK. or other C/w forces”.<sup>15</sup>

Overseas does not include territory.

Add to para 11. “the efficiency of the service.”<sup>16</sup>

“& should be used where possible and special reasons should be shown that they were not possible”

Write into the rules advice to the head of the mission overseas.

to have regard “among other relevant matters to the following principles.”<sup>17</sup>

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Look at possibility of turning over people more quickly.

Approved.

Submission 167

Approved.<sup>18</sup>

Submission 172

Noted.<sup>19</sup>

**Note:** the rest of the notes contained in this notebook concerned Cabinet meetings that took place in 1952. They will be released in January 2003.

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## Persons mentioned

Surname	Given names	Position
Anthony	Hubert Lawrence	Postmaster-General <i>and</i> Minister for Civil Aviation
Beale	Oliver Howard	Minister for Supply
Bland	Henry Armand	Secretary, Department of Labour and National Service
Brown	Allen Stanley	Secretary, Prime Minister's Department
Butlin	Sydney James	Professor of Economics, University of Sydney
Casey	Richard Gardiner	Minister for External Affairs
Churchill	Winston Leonard Spencer, Sir	Prime Minister, United Kingdom
Collins	John Augustine, Sir	Admiral, Chief of the Naval Staff
Fadden	Arthur William, Sir	Treasurer
Francis	Josiah	Minister for the Army
Funnell	William	Chairman, Commonwealth Hostels
Harrison	Eric John	Vice-President of the Executive Council, Minister for Defence Production
Hasluck	Paul Meernaa Caedwalla	Minister for Territories
Holt	Harold Edward	Minister for Labour and National Service <i>and</i> Minister for Immigration
Jones	George, Sir	Air Marshal, Chief of the Air Staff, Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee
Kent Hughes	Wilfred Selwyn	Minister for the Interior <i>and</i> Minister for Works and Housing
McBride	Philip Albert Martin	Minister for Defence
McEwen	John	Minister for Commerce and Agriculture
McMahon	William	Minister for the Navy <i>and</i> Minister for Air
Menzies	Robert Gordon	Prime Minister
?Nevison		
O'Sullivan	Neil	Senator, Minister for Trade and Customs, Leader of the Government in the Senate
Page	Earle Christmas Grafton	Minister for Health
Ricketson	Staniforth	Member, Melbourne Stock Exchange
Rowell	Sydney Fairbairn, Sir	Lieutenant-General, Chief of the General Staff
Shedden	Frederick Geoffrey, Sir	Secretary, Department of Defence
Smith	Walter Bedell	Lieutenant-General, Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Spender	Percy Claude, Sir	Ambassador to United States

Spooner	William Henry	Senator, Minister for National Development
?Strong	Kenneth William Dobson	Major-General, Director, Joint Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom
Tizard	Henry Thomas, Sir	Chairman, Advisory Council on Scientific Policy and Defence Research Policy Committee, United Kingdom
Truman	Harry S	President, United States
Wilson	Harold, Dr	Secretary, Treasury

## Abbreviations and symbols

&	and
%	per cent
[...]	unintelligible
{...}	crossed out text unintelligible
[K...?] or [?]	best guess
A'ns	Australians
abt	about
altho'	although
ANZAM	Australia and New Zealand and Malaya – strategic planning arrangements Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom
ASB	Allen S Brown
BHP	Broken Hill Proprietary
Br C/w or /British C/wealth	British Commonwealth
Cba	Canberra
cfce	conference
CMF	Citizen Military Forces
co/s or coy/s	company/s
ctee	committee
def prod ctee	defence production committee
divn/s or divis	division/s
espec	especially
etc	et cetera
fm	from
govt	government
ie	that is
IMF	International Monetary Fund
m or mil	million
ME or M East	Middle East
Melb	Melbourne
Mth/s	month/s
N	north
N Africa	North Africa
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NSW	New South Wales
Oct	October
opposn	opposition

p	per or page
PM	Prime Minister
para	paragraph
pdcn, prod, produc'n or pdn	production
POW	prisoner of war
rec	reconnaissance
SE Asia	South East Asia
sq	squadron/s
sub-ctee	sub-committee
subs	submarines
Thur	Thursday
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States of America
VAD's	
Vic or Vict	Victoria
W Europe	Western Europe
WA	Western Australia
Wed	Wednesday
witho	without
wld	would