

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER  
BEFORE LEAVING LONDON ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT  
TO U.S.A. ON 16TH OCTOBER, 1967.

I am going to the United States to see something of America and to talk with American leaders about matters of interest, which will include the grave problem of Vietnam.

As I said at the British Labour Party Meeting in Scarborough, I am not a hawk or a dove. If I have to choose a metaphor from the aviary, I would like to think of the owl -- looking at the tragic conflict with baleful eyes and pondering on how the great sacrifice in lives and treasure on so many sides can be made worthwhile for the great security and peace of Asia and, indeed, of the world.

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