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If by further communication on this subject, please quote
No. *W. 15219/458/27*.
and address—not to any person by name, but to—
"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to *the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies*
and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,
25 NOV, 1936.

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26 NOV 1936
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Reference to previous correspondence:

(90) Mr Hibbert's letter to Mr Leigh Smith
No. *7025/2/36* of *5 NOV*
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p><i>To</i></p> <p><i>Hon Consul</i> <i>Honolulu</i> <i>of 23 NOV.</i></p>	<p><i>Ownership of certain islands in the Pacific</i></p>

Similar letter sent to

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Hon Consul,
Honolulu.

23rd November, 1936.

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting High Commissioner for the Western Pacific regarding the acquisition of certain islands in the Pacific by the United States Government.

2. I am to request that you will submit any further information of which you may be in possession regarding the activities or intentions of the United States Government in this matter.

3. With regard to the portion of the letter referring to Christmas Island, I am to add, for your information, that Covenant 1 of the Licence dated the 27th October, 1914, to Central Pacific Coconut Plantations Limited, in respect of that Island, was as follows:-

"That the Licensees will not assign or underlet the present Licence or any interest therein without having first obtained the consent thereto in writing of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies (hereinafter called "The Secretary of State").

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WALTER ROBERTS

A.E. Tuson, Esq.,

His Majesty's Consul,

Honolulu.