

96A Extract from "Daily Express" - 24/11/36

Mr. Gilbert

Mr. Dague

Mr. Salpin (Air Ministry)  
rang up about this & I suggested  
a discussion with them, & the  
other interested Depts (in  
continuation of the discussion of  
17th July - see 40 in 7025/2/36) at  
which the position with regard  
to Christmas Island, & the  
"unattached islands", might be  
considered together.

Reports from H.M.S. "Leith"  
& H.M.S. "Wellington" on the islands  
visited by them have now come  
in. The Service Depts. should  
therefore now be in a position  
to indicate the islands which are  
of special importance to them.

Gandy

27/11/36

Notes, but as I am almost snowed under with  
Canadian work at the present moment, as this is  
primarily a W. Pacific matter, I must beg to be excused  
from

from attending. I would suggest that  
Mr. Bigg would probably like to come, so  
in view of the fact that his air communications  
are directly concerned.

W. J. M. M. M.  
27. XI. 31

Mr. Bigg

Mr. Vernon

If there is to be a  
written discussion, I presume  
that the necessary steps  
to convene the meeting will  
be taken in G. D. and that  
Mr. Vernon will preside  
as before.

W. J. M. M. M.  
30. 11

Seen. It would not appear necessary for me  
to attend from the aviation point of view

log Aug  
We would probably shall have to  
have another meeting: but I  
went to see the reports first.

W. J. M. M. M.  
30. 11

Note.

General Dept. having expressed the view that this subject has largely become Geographical, the files were referred to me for adjustment of registration. It has not been possible hitherto to assemble all the files together, and there are still several letters waiting to be dealt with, of which No. 101 below is urgent.

The best thing now is to effect any necessary changes in registration as from 1/1/37, and the files should all return to me for this purpose as soon as the present action is cleared.

H. T. Ashworth.

7/12/36.

- 96B. ——— DO. ——— 24. 11. 36  
Elizabeths + Middleton Reefs.
- 97 ——— DO. ——— 16. 11. 36  
Visit of Hms "Achilles" to Kingman Reef.
- 98 ——— Admiralty ——— 18. 11. 36  
Two new versions of tel in 94 of 96
- 99 ——— W. Pac Secy ——— 7. 10. 36  
Two letters from Commander Hall of Hms "Wellington" concerning reports on various islands visited
- 100 ——— FO (W15219/458/27) ——— 28. 11. 36  
Two desps to H.M. Consul Honolulu re-  
garding the ownership of certain islands in the Pacific.

101

D.O. Secy 3.12.36

Has tel from Gov-Genl N. Zealand regarding Christmas Island requests above.

102

W. Pac Secy 30.10.36

103

W. Pac Secy 16.11.36

Mr Lowe.

101. / 8/3/36 to you about this. 102

now has the reports on the visit

went to the Wellington School to the

various islands in the S. Pacific - viz

(92) & (99) - as / think the last comm

could be to re-summarise the history of

Conference, such as met in July - viz (40),

to consider that our action should now

to: this meeting could also consider

the particular position of U.S. interest in

Christmas Island. See also minutes

January (1936).

If this is agreed in principle

suggest a meeting in reply to (101) and

send similar invitation to the F.O., Admiralty,

& Air Ministry. I hope that Mr Vernon will

to propose to proceed again.

G. Gray

9.12.36.

So do I.

A. J. Dawe

10.12

I will do my best if it can wait till  
the New Year.

C. P. V. Vernon

10/12

After consulting the D.O., I do not think  
that we ought to hold this up till the  
New Year. If Mr. Vernon will not be  
available, perhaps the Dept. could make  
other arrangements for the Chairmanship to  
the Council

P.S. 11/12/36

at once

I will take the meeting, if a time possible  
for us can be fixed. But we must first  
have a memo. setting out position of  
each island as regards navigation, lease  
etc. & summarizing the naval capabilities

supplied. I am afraid we must  
ask P. & H. Dept. to do this.  
When the memo. is ready, — as a  
firm date for its completion can be  
given — we will fix the meeting.

P. V. Vernon

12/12

Mr Vernon has now fixed 11.30 am.  
on Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec., for the meeting  
& the Conference Room has been engaged.

Mr Andrew has prepared two memos  
& these will be copied & circulated  
the next few days.

I have word Mr Daws, Mr Hillier &  
Mr Jones for the meeting — Mr Roberts was  
told me that Mr Duncan should attend, but as  
the latter will be in leave I am asking Mr A. Wray  
to attend (as he did last time).

I submit a list of which will  
be sent also a copy of a letter  
deposited for the H.C. now registered here  
as (102) - the original is on 3003/36/36 and

The distribution on this file should be noted there, in due course.

Gray.  
17/12/36

104 To D.O.  
105 - To } Secrer (w/c 102) — 18.12.36  
106 - Admty  
107 - a. hr

108 ——— a. hr. (5%) ——— 17.12.36  
Two copy of enes sent to FO regarding Christmas Island.

~~109~~ ——— FO. (w 17311/458/27) Copy — 17.12.36  
Two copy of letter to D.O. ref 109

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Commissioner's Letter. } ? Copies of 103 & of the despatch No 315 of 16 Nov in 86282/36 W.Pac. might be distributed separately under L.F.P.  
I submit (1) memorandum <sup>A</sup> dealing with Tarris Baker & Howland Islands -  
110. — } (2) memorandum B in continuation thereof -  
(3) general summary.

R. W. Anderson  
19/12/36

Mr. Anandale has put up a 10. of hand work into this & his notes should be made useful. I submit a set for ending copies to the 4 desks concerned: they should be removed and 25 copies made of each.  
Gray. 19/12/36.

I entirely agree with  
Mr. Greany's tribute to  
Mr. Annandell's work  
on this. It is really most  
helpful.

A. J. Dawe  
19.12

111 Do F.O

112 " D.O

113 " Army

114 " Air Min

} copies of Secret. 22. Dec. 1936.  
3 Memo's.

115 - Extract from the "Evening Standard"  
21. 12. 36

~~116~~ — D.O. Secret — — — 12. 36

States D.O. will be represented  
as meeting.

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117 — 70. — — — 28. 12. 36  
Copy of memo of 1887



- Mr Hibbert
- Mr Bigg
- Mr ~~Bullis~~ Wray
- Mr Tans
- Mr Dawe
- Mr Vernon.

I attach 6 sets of the <sup>manuscripts</sup> prepared by Mr Arnold <sup>distributed to the other</sup>  
 Dept in (111) - (114). Perhaps you will each  
 take a set? I have further space <sup>copies of</sup>  
 they are needed.

Wray.  
 22/12/36.

Copy taken  
 J. H. [unclear]  
 22/12

I have taken a copy. It would I think be as well  
 to have copies made of No. 21 (cont) in 3003/36/36  
 so that they can if necessary be circulated at the  
 meeting.

12 copies in  
 3003/36  
 taken [unclear]

copy taken.  
 [unclear]  
 Jones  
 24/12/36  
 W. Dawe  
 24.12

W. B. [unclear]  
 23/12

F.O. rang up today to say that  
W. Dunbar would represent  
them at the meeting.

Copy taken. ~~W~~ 28/12

— S.S.V. 28/12