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38. H.M.S. WELLINGTON informs me that recent comprehensive exploration of Canton **I**sland(s) indicates great possibilities for development as aircraft base for all types of machines. This equally well known to the U.S.A. Officers and scientists party and possibly accounts for their refusal to recognise the claim of British Sovereignty vide H.M.S. WELLINGTON'S 2201 26th May. As H.M.S. WELLINGTON left Canton Island before United States Minesweeper AVOCET, I shall visit PHOENIX Group in H.M. Ship ACHILLES when on passage from Honolulu to SUVA early in August.

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