

TEL. No. HOLBORN 3434.

Any communications on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:—

THE SECRETARY,
AIR MINISTRY,
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LONDON, W.C.2.

and the following number quoted:—

S.36757/II/A.D.C.O.II.



AIR MINISTRY,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

24 June, 1937.

Sir,

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ANSWERS

With reference to Colonial Office letter No. 15/3164/37 of the 31st March, and subsequent correspondence dealt with in Air Ministry letter S.36757/II of the 14th instant, on the subject of the proposed investigation of the seadrome site at Suva in connection with the contemplated trans-Pacific air service to New Zealand, I am directed by the Secretary of State for Air to enclose, for easy reference, a copy of a cable dated 13th June emanating from the Rear Admiral Commanding Ships at the New Zealand Station (of which cable a copy has already been circulated by the Admiralty to your Department) and to state that he welcomes the information that the New Zealand Government have been able to arrange definitely for H.M.S. Achilles to call at Suva in the course of her cruise in the Pacific.

2. Lord Swinton assumes that it is the intention of the New Zealand Government to take this opportunity of arranging for the investigation of air facilities at Suva during the period of the ship's stay at this port.

3. He further assumes that, in order that this survey may be as comprehensive as possible, H.M.S. Achilles will be instructed to get in touch with the Royal Air Force or Air Ministry Advisory Expert, presumably Wing Commander R.A. Cochrane, mentioned by the Governor of Fiji, with a view to ascertaining the exact nature of the information which is required.

4. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Dominions Office and the Admiralty.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

J. A. Swinton