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30th June, 1937.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, two copies of an extract from the Minutes of the 294th Meeting of the Committee of Imperial Defence held on 17th June, 1937, regarding the Strategic Importance of the Pacific Islands.

A similar letter has been addressed to the Treasury, Foreign Office, Dominions Office, India Office, War Office, Admiralty, Air Ministry, Board of Trade and to the Burma Office.

I am
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

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The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.