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NEW ZEALAND

To the Government of New Zealand.

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Strategic importance of Pacific Islands. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom entirely agree on proposal made in paragraph 6 of your secret despatch 20th May and desire to express their appreciation of promptitude with which recommendations contained in C.I.D. Paper No. 1327-B have been followed up by His Majesty's Government in New Zealand and of their willingness to bear the cost of Survey of Route A. Further communication will be sent as regards question of a conference between representatives of His Majesty's Governments in United Kingdom, Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand to discuss Pacific Islands matters.