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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

From the Government of New Zealand.

Dated 26th October, 1938. Received 9.21 a.m. 26th Oct.

IMPORTANT.

No.115 Secret.

Your secret telegram No.140 of October 14th, Pacific Islands. His Majesty's Government in New Zealand will be most happy to fall in with the suggestion made by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and are prepared to proceed forthwith with proposed survey of the route. They would be grateful therefore if operator and apparatus referred to in paragraph 7 of your telegram could be despatched as proposed so as to arrive at Fiji on the 17th November.

As stated in my secret telegram No.102 of the 12th September His Majesty's Government in New Zealand had already arranged to commence survey for a landing ground, Fiji and for that purpose an officer of the New Zealand Government is at present in Fiji, and could be made immediately available for an extension of the survey to Christmas Island, Nukunono and Hull Island.

In the course of the normal programme of H.M.S. Leander arrangements have already been made for her to visit Suva towards the middle of November. In view of proposal now made it is intended that before departure from Auckland H.M.S. Leander will embark party for Survey, and will embark the operator and apparatus referred to above on arrival at Suva, departing on 17th November direct for Christmas Island. In the event of the party remaining at

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Christmas Island for a period longer than it would be convenient for H.M.S. Leander to remain in those waters, the necessary arrangements will be made by the Chief Naval Staff to pick up party in another of His Majesty's ships at a later date and to proceed with the survey on the other islands.