

70272/38  
Copy held in 86059/38  
H. L. C.

115  
26

DOMINIONS OFFICE,  
Downing Street, S.W. 1.

F.720/152.

SECRET

26 October, 1938.

Dear Bevir,

With reference to C.I.D. paper 1455-B,<sup>6.</sup>  
enclosing a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General  
of New Zealand, dated May 20th, no conclusion has yet  
been reached regarding the suggestion of the New Zealand  
Government that a conference might be held to consider  
the whole question of islands in the Pacific and  
trans-Pacific air routes.

It is not clear exactly what the New Zealand  
Government intend should be discussed at that meeting,  
and we think it would be well for us in the United  
Kingdom to decide what type of meeting we wish for and  
then inform New Zealand that we shall be pleased to  
attend a conference of that type.

The Report of the Chiefs of Staff (1455-B),  
discussed at the 331st meeting of the C.I.D. on the  
27th July, suggested that if the conference was to be  
confined

10  
A. BEVIR, ESQ.

direct consultation with authorities



confined to strategic aspects, the United Kingdom Government should be represented by the Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Division, and the Group Captain attached to the New Zealand Air Force. If, however, political and other questions were to be included, they suggested instead the Air Officer Commanding, Singapore, and the Commander-in-Chief, China. It is also for consideration whether the United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand, who will be taking up his appointment very shortly, and perhaps the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, should not also attend.

We should be glad to learn what your views are on this matter.

I am writing similarly to Herbertson, Dykes, Balfour, Seal and Hale.

Yours sincerely,

*Norman E. Parker*