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- Mr. Cade 3/11
- Mr. Bigg 3/10
- Mr. Baird 4
- Mr. A. J. Dawe.
- Mr. Caldwell
- Sir H. Moore. 4-11 (20)
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Parly. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

Sir,

I have etc. to refer to my secret telegram No. 106 of the 31st of October regarding the proposed survey and demarcation of ~~the~~ ^{landing areas on the} trans-Pacific route. ~~airbases in the Pacific, and to transmit~~

to you, for your info, the accompanying copies of telegraphic comm. exchanged with the Govt of New Zealand on this subject.

I take this opportunity to inform you that Sir Archibald Richards' ~~opinion that when this matter was~~ secret despatch of the 13th of June was considered by the Committee of Imperial Defence ~~who expressed the view~~

that it was not necessary to delay the development of ^{four} strategic air routes in the Pacific on the ground that additional defences might be required for the protection of the aerodromes. ~~and their decision to~~

forward

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Western Pacific

Secret

High Comm.

6 N3. 140 of 15.10.38 (18)

4 N3. 115 of 26.10.38 (19)

FURTHER ACTION.

The development of these routes,
~~proceed with the investigation of sites~~
for use by land aircraft, as ~~well as~~ ^{opposed to}
seaplanes, ~~was influenced by the fact~~
~~that~~ ^{apparently} the only aircraft available in
New Zealand for operating in time of
war on these routes, are land machines.

I have,

etc.

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

FOR THE COMMANDER