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COMMITTEE OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

OVERSEA DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

Minute by the Oversea Defence Sub-Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

At their 381st Meeting on 12th December, 1938, the Oversea Defence Committee had under consideration the preparation of a draft Agenda for the proposed Conference between representatives of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand to discuss Pacific Islands matters.

2. As a result of the discussion the attached Agenda has been drafted.

3. The Committee also agreed to recommend that, subject to further examination by the Dominions Office of the constitutional question involved, the United Kingdom representatives at the proposed Conference should be - the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Australia, the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, the Commodore in command of the New Zealand station and the Group Captain, R.A.F., attached to the New Zealand Air Force.

(Signed) E.I.C. JACOB.

Secretary,
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21st December, 1938.