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DRAFT TELEGRAM (CYPHER).

GOVERNOR GENERAL,
WELLINGTON.

No. _____

Secret.

Your telegram of the 22nd
January, No. 9. His Majesty's
Government in the United Kingdom agree
that Conference should meet, if
possible, by the middle of March or as
soon thereafter as may be practicable.
They are endeavouring to arrange for
United Kingdom service representatives
to be available at that time and will
telegraph further on this as soon as
possible.

As regards agenda of
Conference on the defence side, His
Majesty's Government in the United
Kingdom fully recognize importance of
the various matters referred to in your
telegram. It will be appreciated
however that adequate consideration of
some

some of the topics mentioned, such as those set out under (d), (g) and (h) in your telegram, would call for a meeting more in the nature of an Imperial Conference in which representatives of other Dominions and India might wish to participate. On such topics it is assumed that the task of the present Conference will be merely exploratory with a view to drawing up reports for further consideration by the Governments concerned. This would not apply to immediate practical problems such as those mentioned under (a), (b) and (c), which it is thought could be fully discussed at the Conference with a view to reaching definite conclusions. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom agree to inclusion of (j) in agenda.