

DRAFT TELEGRAM (CYPHER).

HIGHCOMA,
CANBERRA.

No. _____

Secret.

Commonwealth Government's
telegram of 11th January, No. 5.
Following telegram has been received
from His Majesty's Government in New
Zealand. Begins. My Prime Minister
desires me His
Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth
of Australia. Ends. Following reply
has been sent. Begins. His Majesty's
Government in the United Kingdom agree
..... Agenda. Ends.

It is clear that if
discussions at the Conference are to be
of the nature suggested, attendance of
senior officers of the three defence
services will be necessary, and if
Conference is to open in March it would
be advisable that Officers at present in
the neighbourhood of New Zealand should

be

be selected. It is thought, therefore, that most suitable arrangement would be for Sir Ragnar Colvin and Lieutenant-General Squires to be the naval and military service representatives on behalf of United Kingdom Government, provided that the Commonwealth Government were willing that they should so act in addition to any duties which they may be performing for the Commonwealth Government in relation to the Conference.

Please approach Commonwealth Government accordingly and let us know as soon as possible whether they have any objection.

For your own information position as regards R.A.F. representation is that consideration is being given to the question whether it would be possible for Sir Arthur Longmore to be released from his duties in connexion with Aircraft Mission to Australia in order to take part in Conference in New Zealand in latter part

of March. View of Government here as regards Conference generally is that it is desirable to confine it as far as possible to immediate problems.