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THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,
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Proposed Pacific Defence Conference

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Reference to previous correspondence

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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

From Mr. Boyd Shannon to the Under Secretary of State for
Dominion Affairs.

Dated 17th February, 1939. Received 7.57 a.m., 17th
February, 1939.

No.21. Secret.

Reference Governor General's Secret telegram

No.23 of 17th February. Pacific Defence Conference.

Amended
Being much perturbed by the Australian reply Prime
Minister's Department have suggested that, if His Majesty's
Government in the United Kingdom also desire the Conference
to take place at an early date, it would be helpful if
representations to the Commonwealth Government by New
Zealand Government could be supported from London. I
should be glad to know if any such action is found possible.

2. I should further be glad of guidance as to our
general attitude to the Conference.

3. It has occurred to me that, even though the
Conference is postponed, the opportunity might be taken of
the visit of Air Marshal Longmore and Sir Donald Banks to
the proposed tripartite discussions limited to air routes
agenda contained in Secret despatch of 31st December No.381
from the Secretary of State but the New Zealand Government
I gather fear that the risk of losing the whole will be
increased if they show willingness at this stage to accept
part.