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To the United Kingdom High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Sent 10 p.m., 2nd March, 1939

No. 38. Secret.

Reference telegram from Commonwealth Government No.21

of 28th February. We observe that only Service representatives of Commonwealth are mentioned in telegram to Prime Minister of New Zealand. We should be glad to know what Commonwealth Government contemplate as regards civilian representation.

We are anxious to take advantage of forthcoming Conference to explore with Commonwealth and New Zealand, at any rate in a preliminary manner, possibilities of future action towards the establishment of a trans-Pacific civil aviation service. In this connection see last sentence of telegram to New Zealand, quoted in my telegram No.16 of 2nd February.