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TELEGRAM

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

To the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

(Sent 7.30 p.m., 7th March, 1939).

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No. 18. Secret.

Your telegram of 6th March No. 23. we assume that His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia are also in communication with His Majesty's Government in New Zealand as to proposed statement. So far as His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are concerned our feeling is that in the present international situation it would be very desirable that any public announcement as to the forthcoming Conference should be concerted between the three Governments and should be issued simultaneously in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom. We hope therefore that it may be possible to defer any statement in Australia pending settlement of such announcement. It is assumed that action in this direction would be initiated by His Majesty's Government in New Zealand as Government convening the Conference and this telegram is being repeated to them (No. 34).