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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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

(Sent 9.0 p.m. 8th March, 1939.)

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Your telegram of 3rd March No. 35. We are grateful to His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia for their agreement to make services of Colvin available as United Kingdom representative at Conference. Reasons for which they feel unable to release Squires are appreciated here but in view of his special qualifications and after consideration of the position we feel that it would be very difficult to find any other Army officer so suitable for the purpose. If (as seems probable) Conference cannot now be held at earliest before the end of March, would it be possible to reconsider position as regards sparing Squires? We hope that this may be feasible and should be grateful for very early reply since New Zealand Government has informed us that they are deferring fixing date of meeting of Conference pending information as to date of arrival of United Kingdom representatives.

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