

Pacific Islands.

The S.D.'s reply was dated only Feb. 8th and S.D.G. cannot have had the text in their hands for more than a fortnight or so: it went by the bag of Feb. 17th. It looks as if Mr. Moffat's letter is not merely a reminder but a sign that the U.S.G. are in a hurry — perhaps to issue the new licence to Pan-American Airways on April 1st 1939 (in substitution for the present one issued April 1st last year) or because, as indicated in para 4 of the Suva despatch of 13th Dec. 1938 in /29/, Pan American Airways will shortly be ready to start construction work in Canton Island. Possibly the S.D. are ready with the list of islands foreshadowed in /28/ but want to have Canton, Penderburg tidied up first.

? Infringe F.O. briefly by telegram (per 9/iii)

A.A. first

Yes

I believe Moffat last week has no power to do best

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[OVER]

best to get an early answer

from the State Dept. but remembering

that several dep'ts. in London were

that some delay was
concerned ~~as well as the~~ ^{fact}
inevitable.

~~of course~~ Mr. Moffat said

that he quite appreciated how

admitted that the State Dept. had

taken ^{some} ~~this~~ time themselves in

replying to our last note. He

did not volunteer any explanation

why the State Dept. were ^{so} anxious

to get an early answer.

John

10.3.

Mr. [unclear] I know that P.A.A. want to
re-start their New Zealand service
about June and that, in view of
their two unexplained disappearances,
they are anxious to have additional
intermediate bases C.P. 1873

Surely

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

Surely the prime reason must
be to give the new license
soon (? April 1st). Perhaps we
ought to telegraph & so.
saying that S. Dept. are
showing anxiety to get a move
on.

Vabv

H.E.

March 10

2nd please to so.


97 to 70.

Draft letter submitted.

I presume no written reply to L. Moffat
is needed at present, in view of
Mr. Hoyer Miller's talk with him.

Allen
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