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Sir J. Shuckburgh 16.3.39 at once

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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Sent 5 p.m., 16th March, 1939

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No. 19. Secret.

Defence Conference cannot it now seems meet before 11th April, and it cannot yet be definitely stated that it will start on that date.

Mr. Dixon
agrees.

I understand from the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand that a vessel from Fiji is due in New Zealand on April 2nd. This would appear to give you the opportunity if you wish to do so to visit Sydney but I presume that it would be too late for the purpose indicated in your telegram. The High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand is being informed that he should get into touch with you in regard to documents for the Conference which can either be despatched to Suva by mail due 24th March or retained until your arrival en passage for Nigeria. Understand that New Zealand Government also have documents for you.

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Your telegram No. 51 refers.