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Subject: Pacific Islands

Reference to previous correspondence:

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With the compliments of Mr Dixon

A copy has also been sent to Mr Bayliss F.O.

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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

From the United Kingdom High Commissioner in

NEW ZEALAND.

Dated 18th March, 1939. Received 7.8 a.m. 18th March.

IMMEDIATE.

No.47.

His Majesty's Government in New Zealand entirely appreciate Colvin's qualifications, but great disappointment has been expressed. Both the Commonwealth and United Kingdom will be represented by the same naval delegate. If it is at all possible to send from London a Senior Naval Officer to assist Colvin I would strongly urge that in the interest of good atmosphere for the proceedings this should be considered very seriously. If the suggestion is thought worth acceptance, effect on the terms of the reply suggested in paragraph 1 of my immediately following telegram will no doubt be borne in mind.

Addressed to Dominions Office No.47 repeated to the United Kingdom High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia No.10. Secret.

Further telegram follows.