

TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND.

from the United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand.

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Your telegram of the 17th March No. 10 Defence Conference. New Zealand Government are grateful for advance information and assume that reply will now be sent to the Governor General of New Zealand Secret telegram of the 2nd March No. 27 including the names and approximate date of arrival of the service delegates together with acceptance of the offer of hospitality (if this is accepted I assume that the delegates already in Australia will be informed. The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific has already accepted.) For completeness reply might also refer again to the two High Commissioners as members of the delegation.

2. As regards the fourth paragraph it would seem sufficient to say that the delegation expects to leave Sydney for Wellington by S.S. Wanganella 8th April if this is the case.

3. If the telegram could include confirmation of the assumption in the fifth paragraph it would I feel be very helpful. Please see my telegram immediately following.