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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

To the Government of New Zealand.

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IMPORTANT.

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Reference your telegram of 2nd March No.27.

Following have been appointed by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom as their representatives at forthcoming Pacific Conference:- High Commissioner in New Zealand for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Vice Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin; Major-General P.J. Mackesy; Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore. Major-General Mackesy will be accompanied by Captain W.D. Mc.N. Graham.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are very grateful to His Majesty's Government in New Zealand for their offer of hospitality to United Kingdom delegates which they gladly accept.

Mackesy and Graham are due to leave London 25th March by air for Sydney and to leave Sydney 8th April by s.s Wanganella. Longmore is expected to arrive in New Zealand about 3rd April. As regards other United Kingdom representatives His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have not precise information as to dates of arrival in New Zealand, but they assume that His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia will supply date in case of Colvin and that United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand will have particulars in case of Luke.

Importance

Importance to New Zealand of matters referred to
in last paragraph of your telegram fully appreciated by
His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom who will
endeavour to supply all information practicable to
His Majesty's Government in New Zealand.