

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND.

To the United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand.

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Reference your telegram of 18th March No.47. Sympathetic consideration has been given by Admiralty to views of New Zealand Government but they are very sorry that it is not possible in present circumstances to spare a staff officer who is engaged at present on war plans; and that there is no other senior naval officer available who has lately been in touch with such plans. New Zealand Government can however rest assured that Vice-Admiral Colvin will be in a position to represent Admiralty views thoroughly well, and Admiralty observe moreover that Commodore Horan is well able to offer a second opinion, if any should be required, from the general naval strategical point of view since before going out to New Zealand he made a study of the whole problem of naval strategy in the Pacific.