

No. D6/62

Subject: Defense Conference.

Reference to previous correspondence:

With the compliments of Mr. Dixon

A copy has also been sent to
Mr. Balfour,
Mr. Bevir,
Major Jacob,
Major Mears,
Major Grover,
Wing Cmdr. Foster.

Dominions Office, Downing Street,

3 APR 1939

193

Tel 28.1.4.39
Tel 10.1.4.39
Tel 69.1.4.39

D. 6/62.

CYPHER TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

To the United Kingdom High Commissioner in
New Zealand.

Sent 4.0 p.m.

1st April, 1939.

No. 28. Secret.

My immediately following telegram contains text of brief on defence questions prepared for United Kingdom representatives at forthcoming Pacific Conference. Please communicate copy at suitable opportunity to High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. Text has been telegraphed to United Kingdom High Commissioner in Commonwealth of Australia with request that he will communicate (or arrange with you to communicate) it to Colvin and Longmore and, by safe channel, to Mackesy on arrival in Australia.

For your own information Admiralty telegraphed to Colvin 23rd March that it is still the intention of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to send a fleet to the Far East in the event of war with Japan but that strength of the fleet actually sent out in such circumstances must depend on numerous unpredictable circumstances including the situation in Europe. They added that there need be no anxiety that needs of Australia and New Zealand are not fully appreciated here.