

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

From the United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand.

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My Secret telegram No. 88 of the 17th April. Conference. Committee one met this morning and adopted a draft as regards Item (a) as basis of a Report to Conference. In principle they agreed that steps to strengthen the defences of Fiji should be taken and appoint a sub-committee to make detailed recommendations both as regards Fiji and remaining places mentioned in (b) (1). Presentation of the report is proposed by the sub-committee on the 19th April.

2. Items (e) (f) (h) were further considered by Committee two. New Zealand representative asked Committee to recommend the without a solution of the basic problem of the shortage of sterling funds, reserves of equipment and raw materials could not be built up by New Zealand. This subject the United Kingdom representative pointed out was beyond their competence.

3. Committee three continued its discussions on Trans Pacific Air Route and adjourned till the 19th April.

Copy by mail to High Commissioner Canberra.