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*Pacific Conference*

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Reference to previous correspondence

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With the compliments of *M. Bessie*

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From the United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand.  
Dated 26th April, 1939 Received at 2.51 p.m. 26th April.

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Addressed to the Dominions Office No.107 High  
Commissioner Canberra No.27 Acting High Commissioner  
for the Western Pacific No.27 His Majesty's Ambassador  
at Washington.

Pacific Defence Conference concluded today  
Wednesday.

2. Statement to this effect issued to the press here  
mentioned also that it was agreed to recommend to the  
three Governments that it was desirable that similar  
Conferences be arranged periodically in the South West  
Pacific area.

3. Prime Minister has commented to the press as  
follows. Begins:- Conference was highly successful and had  
given the New Zealand Government a line for action that  
they could have got in no other way. The proceedings were  
from the very nature of the agenda confidential and could  
not/divulged. Moreover its conclusions are in the nature  
of recommendations <sup>to</sup> the Governments concerned and it  
follows that nothing can be said about them until they have  
been considered by the Governments but this can be said  
at once: they are regarded as entirely satisfactory to  
New Zealand Delegation and there is reason to believe  
to other Delegations also. Not only are the recommendations  
in the opinion of the New Zealand Delegation  
valuable in themselves but equally valuable is the opportunity  
that has been afforded for a full and frank interchange of  
views and the spirit of mutual goodwill and understanding

(engendered)

engendered by discussions . The dominating note of all the concluding speech was the determination of the free countries to co-operate in all defence measures to the utmost of their power and to stand together in support of the principles on which the British Commonwealth of Nations is founded .

Ends.