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CYPHER TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

To the Government of New Zealand.

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⑤ Part I

Your telegram of 16th May, No. 53. Following for
Prime Minister.

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(1) His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom note that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand are enquiring views of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia on recommendations in paragraph 63 of Part I of the Conference Report, with which, as far as they are concerned, they are in agreement.

(2) As places mentioned in paragraph 67 of Report are widely dispersed and are thousands of miles from any potential enemy, Admiralty do not feel that the risk of incurring a high proportion of losses in any of these areas is grave, and they consider that a simultaneous attack on all three areas would be unlikely. Such a possibility has, of course, not been disregarded and, should it eventuate, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom would be prepared to take any action which might be necessary. This might take the form of any or all of the following measures:-

- (a) redistribution of Naval Forces;
- (b) diversion of shipping to other routes;
- (c) diplomatic action to prevent the enemy from making use of neutral territory as bases.

(3) His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are

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