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TELEGRAM (CYPHER)

Your telegram No. 211.

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His Majesty's Government in New Zealand

SUVA, FIJI.

have never indicated officially whether

they accept Recommendation No. 133 of

the New Zealand Defence Conference

Report.

In view of the discussions

which have taken place and are still in

process as to the military assistance

which New Zealand may be able to give

in the War, His Majesty's Government

in the United Kingdom would be reluctant

to ask the Government of New Zealand

at the present juncture to accept a

definite commitment to send a brigade of

New Zealand troops to Fiji.

If you think that it is

nevertheless desirable to concert

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advance arrangements to facilitate the
reception of the brigade, if sent, there
would be no objection to your discussing
with the New Zealand authorities the
desirability of plans being worked out
for the accommodation, etc., of such a
force, it being appreciated that the question
of the despatch of the brigade would be a matter
for consideration only if and when an emergency
requiring its presence were regarded as imminent.