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The War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

15 November, 1939.

Dear *Lee*

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With reference to your letter 7025/2A/39 dated 13th November, 1939, we agree with your draft telegram and have not thought it necessary to consult the other service departments.

In view of the fact that we have recommended the New Zealand Government that the political situation is such that they can safely send a Division to the Middle East next year it is possible that the New Zealand Government may feel unequal to the additional commitment in Fiji. If the Governor replies that this is, in fact, so, we would be glad to be informed as it might then be possible to approach the Australian Government with a view to their assuming the commitment.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Colonel Jacob.

Yours

Sincerely
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