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Sir,

With reference to the Supplementary Convention between His Majesty The King, my Sovereign, in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand, on the one part, and the United States of America on the other part, signed at Washington on May 27, 1936, amending Article IV and the second paragraph of Article VI of the convention concerning the tenure and disposition of real and personal property between Her Majesty The Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, signed at Washington on March 2, 1899, I have the honour to inform you, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and New Zealand have recommended to His Majesty that the Supplementary Convention should be ratified in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and New Zealand, respectively, but that His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia has not felt able to make a similar recommendation.

2. I am accordingly instructed to inform you that His Majesty's ratification of the Supplementary Convention is made in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in respect of the Dominion of New

Zealand/

The Honourable

Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State of the United States of America,

Washington, D.C.

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Zealand and that it does not include the Commonwealth of Australia, in respect of which the said Supplementary Convention also was signed.

3. In proceeding this day to the exchange of ratifications of the Supplementary Convention I have also to inform you that I am instructed by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to propose that it be agreed between the respective Governments that the exchange of ratifications made today pursuant to Article II of the Supplementary Convention shall have the effect of bringing the Supplementary Convention into force between the United States of America on the one hand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and New Zealand on the other but shall not have effect in respect of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is further proposed that the coming into force of the Supplementary Convention between the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Australia shall be regarded as in suspense until such time as there shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America a ratification in respect of that Commonwealth.

4. I have also been instructed to suggest that if the foregoing proposals be acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, my present note, together with your note in reply thereto informing me of your Government's acceptance of those proposals shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding between His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and the Government of the United States of America, concerning the effect of the exchange of ratifications.

I have, etc.,