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Dear CHANCERY,

You may be interested to know that on the 15th instant a Mr. Eady William FRANCIS, American citizen, applied to us for a visa for New Zealand. Noticing that, although his passport was unofficial, he had received a "gratis" official visa from the Australian Legation at Washington, our passport department made some enquiries and ascertained that Mr. Francis was an officer of the U.S. Naval Air Service proceeding to the Netherlands East Indies via New Zealand and Australia to join the Netherlands Air Force. He said that he was one of a group of about a dozen U.S. naval pilots who were being sent to assist in the defence of the Netherlands East Indies.

Yours ever,

SAN FRANCISCO.

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The Chancery,
British Embassy,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

do you know about this?

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I asked Bulter to report this, as I said it was news to us, but I have not followed it up here. If it is true, it is most significant. C.P.A.A. 28.

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