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WELLINGTON.

7th October, 1936.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

With reference to your Secret telegram No. 100 of the 25th August, and to previous correspondence, relative to the visit of H.M.S. "Achilles" to certain Pacific Islands, I have the honour to transmit to you, at the instance of my Ministers, the accompanying copy of a report of the Commanding Officer relating to his visit to Kingman Reef.

2. With regard to paragraph 5 of the report, Ministers are advised that the ship, having arrived off Kingman Reef two days ahead of her programme, did not receive Admiralty message 1326 of the 26th August until after the U.S.S. "Gamble" was sighted.

3. It has been observed that the Station Order Book instructions referred to in the minute of the Commodore Commanding are at variance with the procedure laid down for reporting movements. Steps have been taken to cancel them, and orders have been given to comply with the directions contained in C.B.3000(31) in future.

I have, etc.

(Sgd.) GALWAY.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
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