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THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,
DOMINIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W. 1,

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States of the Middleton
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Letter to the Dominions Office of the
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to A.M.

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THE SEC

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CONFIDENTIAL.

23 November, 1936.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to refer to the letter from the Admiralty to this Office of the 7th November (M.4421/36), a copy of which is understood to have been sent to the Air Ministry, regarding Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs in the Western Pacific.

2. Mr. MacDonald would be glad to receive any observations which Viscount Swinton may desire to offer on the suggestion that, in view inter alia of the possibility that the reefs may be of value in connexion with trans-Pacific air routes, the Commonwealth Government should be asked to take whatever steps are possible to assume jurisdiction over them.

3. Copies of this letter are being sent to

THE SECRETARY,
AIR MINISTRY.

the

the Foreign Office, Admiralty and the Colonial
Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. STEPHENSON.

J. E. Stephenson