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23 July, 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to refer to the letter from the Dominions Office No. 720/128 of the 9th of July, enclosing a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of New Zealand regarding the strategic importance of the Pacific Islands, and to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Committee of Imperial Defence, a copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific commenting on Lord Galway's despatch.

2. Copies of this letter and enclosure are being sent to the Dominions Office and Air Ministry.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. A. CALDER

THE SECRETARY,

COMMITTEE OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

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