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20<sup>th</sup> September, 1938.

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SECRET.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to acknowledge the receipt of the Dominions Office letter No. F.720/149 of the 13th of September, regarding the strategic importance of the Pacific Islands and to state, for the information of Lord Stanley, that he concurs in the proposal that all arrangements for the suggested survey of a landing ground in Fiji should be made direct between the New Zealand Government and the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

16.9.38.

2. I am to enclose a copy of a telegram which has been sent to the High Commissioner in this connection.

3. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Air Ministry and the Committee of Imperial Defence.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. A. CALDER

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

DOMINIONS OFFICE.

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