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The War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

4th July, 1939.

Dear Lee,

18. 29.

Your letters No: 7025/2A/39 of 19th and 30th June to Frith. Many apologies for the delay in the reply which is my fault and not Frith's.

2. On page 2 of your draft telegram you refer to the recruitment of personnel for manning the fixed defences. It is, of course, important that personnel should not be recruited and kept waiting for some time before training equipment can be provided for them. If you think there is any danger of Fiji assuming that the instruction to make plans for recruitment entitles them to go ahead and form the unit, perhaps you would amend the wording to make it quite clear that action should be limited to plans only until we see some hope of providing equipment for training the unit.

3. We spoke about the provision of the initial equipment for Tonga. As the Treasury have agreed to the telegram there seems to be no reason for us to comment on the fact that we haven't got the Treasury's approval in black and white!

Yours,
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