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DRAFT. TELEGRAM (RECYPHER)

GOVERNOR GENERAL, WELLINGTON.

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Your telegram No. 54 of the 16th May. Paragraph 2. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom agree with the recommendation of the Pacific Defence Conference that two landing grounds should be constructed in Fiji the cost to be shared equally between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and His Majesty's Government in New Zealand on the understanding that the United Kingdom contribution is limited to half the estimated cost of constructing landing grounds only and that cost of other facilities for New Zealand Air Force is borne by His Majesty's Government in New Zealand.

2. Governor of Fiji is being instructed to communicate with New Zealand Government

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Government so as to enable work to be begun as soon as possible. It is assumed that a firm estimate of the cost which it is appreciated may vary to some extent from the approximate estimate in the Conference Report, will be furnished in due course by New Zealand Government who will also indicate their wishes as to arrangements for the payment of the United Kingdom contribution (i.e. half above estimate).

Addressed to New Zealand No.

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