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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC, SUVA, FIJI,

16th November, 1936.

Sir,

ended with your secret despatch of the 24th
August, relative to the annexation by the
United States of America of certain islands
in the Pacific, I have the honour to invite
attention to my despatch No. 315 of even date,
reporting the action of the French Authorities in Tahiti in prohibiting the recruitment
of French labour for non-French islands.

2. The British Consul-General in Tahiti has expressed the view that -

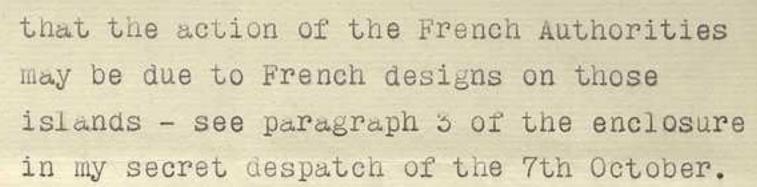
"The measure taken by the Governor" (that is, in prohibiting recruiting) "is undoubted "ly an aftermath of the 'Rougier affaire'.

"The attempt to convict Rougier of murder "having failed, the local authorities are "doing their utmost to annoy him as much "as possible with a view to his being forc-"ed to leave the islands."

Commander Hall, of H.M.S. Wellington, which recently visited Flint, Caroline, Vostock, and Christmas Islands, has expressed the view that

\* No. 3 on 86262/36 Whe. (Jahons).

The Right Honourable



The action of the French Authorities and the possible motives therefor should, I suggest, be borne in mind when considering the matters which formed the subject of the correspondence under reference and of that ended with my secret despotch of the 30th October.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Acting High Commissioner.

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