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NEW ZEALAND TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
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I have the honor to request under Article 31 of the Charter that New Zealand participate in the discussions in the Security Council upon the United States Draft Trusteeship Agreement for the Japanese Mandated Islands.

The New Zealand Government consider that the disposition made for these islands is an essential part of any plan for the control of Japan and the peace settlement with that country. It is therefore a matter of interest to those states who took an active part in the war against Japan. It has been agreed that these states are those which are represented upon the Far Eastern Commission. The New Zealand Government therefore requests that those members of the Far Eastern Commission not represented on the Security Council (namely the Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, India, and the Philippines) be invited to participate if they so desire in the discussions under reference.

The view that the settlement made for these islands is of special interest to New Zealand is further supported by the fact that the United States has informed the New Zealand Government of their proposals.

P Fraser Prime Minister