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REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE

The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia, U.S.A.,
3rd June, 1943.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister,
Wellington, New Zealand.

SIR,—

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, 1943

Submitted herewith are copies of the following documents relating to the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture which we attended for New Zealand, in accordance with your instructions :—

Enclosure A : President Roosevelt's Message convening the Conference.

Enclosure B : Text of President Roosevelt's Letter to Judge Marvin Jones, President of the Conference, as read at the Opening Session.

Enclosure C : Memorandum submitted by New Zealand Delegation.

Enclosure D : Journal No. 16, containing a Summation of the Results of the Conference by the Secretary-General, together with Verbatim Minutes of the Closing Plenary Session on 3rd June, 1943.*

Enclosure E : The Final Act, including the Agreed Declaration.

Enclosure F : Reports of Sections I, II, and III.†

2. The Conference, held at The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia, began on 18th May and ended to-day. It was attended by representatives of forty-four countries : Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, French Delegation, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippine Commonwealth, Poland, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia. (The Danish Minister at Washington also attended in a personal capacity.)

Opening addresses by delegations were dispensed with and instead we were invited to submit a written statement. Copy of the memorandum handed in for New Zealand, with your approval as to substance, is shown as Enclosure C.

3. The Conference worked in four Sections—on consumption, production, distribution, and future organization respectively—which met more or less simultaneously ; the first three Sections were further divided into eleven Committees, and representatives of all countries sat on every Committee.

* Verbatim minutes not printed.

† Not printed.