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To the Governments of Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa.

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In connection with the preparations here for proposed discussion on defence at the Imperial Conference, we have been considering position as to munitions supply both to and from the Dominions. In this country as you New Zealand Government know the position is that a very heavy call is being made on industry for our own programme. We have also substantial demands made or forecast from several of the Dominions. There are also heavy demands from foreign countries with some of whom we have special treaty relations. It would help us most materially if we could get in advance of Conference any information available as to the whole of the probable munitions supply programmes (navy, army and air) of the Dominions, say, in the next three years, and the size and general character of the munitions orders which it is expected may have to be placed in this country for the purpose of such programmes. Object of above enquiry is to put us in a better position to consider not only how far Dominion requirements can be met from United Kingdom but also whether and if so in what respects Dominions themselves can assist in meeting aggregate requirements including our own.

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