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Canberra

Dated July 22, 1944

Rec'd 4:07 a.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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NIACT 85, July 22, 2 p.m.

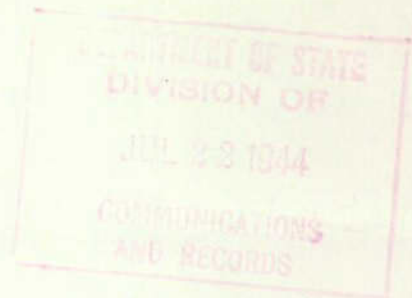
Minister for External Affairs has just informed me that on assurances given Department's telegram number 83, July 20, 5 p.m., he had obtained Cabinet's assent to instruct Australian delegate to sign final act of the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference. Such an instruction he said had been sent.

As regards resolution adopting the articles of agreement of the fund and the bank Evatt states that it was the opinion of Cabinet that matter had gone as far as it should among officials. I understood him to mean by this that before accepting resolution matter would have to be thoroughly canvassed by Australian Cabinet.

I gather that Evatt met some opposition even to signing of final act because of impression created by a broadcast attributed to Morgenthau who is said to have adopted the attitude that 44 countries participating in the conference had agreed to and accepted the results of the conference.

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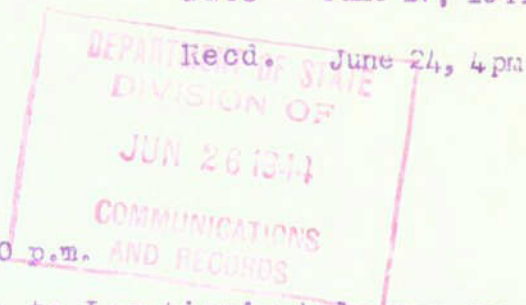
From

Canberra

Date June 17, 1944

Secretary of State
Washington

A-22 June 17, 2.00 p.m.



Reference is made to Legation's telegram no. 69, dated June 12, 1944, 2 p.m., announcing Australian delegation to Monetary Conference. As will be observed when they are met at Washington, the delegation is on the average a somewhat junior group of officials. Professor Melville can be said to be bordering on the senior official of Australia but by comparison with representatives of other countries would still be quite junior. The other two members are extremely junior officers. A few brief remarks about each man may be in order for the information of those American officials who will come in contact with them.

Professor L. G. Melville was formerly a junior employee in the Australian Treasury but was seconded to the Commonwealth Bank as Economic Adviser, which position he has now held for some years. When the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction was created in 1943 Professor Melville was given the position of Deputy Director of Post-War Reconstruction while retaining a hold on his Commonwealth Bank position to which he devotes a certain amount of time each week. Professor Melville will probably be already known to a number of officials at Washington because he recently spent two months in the United States returning from monetary talks at London. Although Melville has a pleasing outward appearance and may at a conference or in conversation give an impression of tractability he is quite capable of acting contrary to the impression given.

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Mr. F. H. Wheeler is quite a junior official in the Treasury. He can be described, however, as the right-hand man of the Secretary of the Treasury who has vested in Mr. Wheeler a great deal of responsibility. The Secretary of the Treasury considers Mr. Wheeler one of the most brilliant men in the Commonwealth Government service and is confident that he is extremely competent in fiscal affairs.

Mr. A. H. Tange has, for the past year, been a junior economist in the newly created Department of Post-War Reconstruction, but for the past two months has been loaned to the Department of External Affairs to substitute as the head of the Economic Section for Dr. John Burton who went to the United States as an adviser to Mr. Beasley at the I.L.O. Conference. Mr. Tange is a brilliant and level-headed young man. Like Wheeler, he is quite reasonable to deal with.

All of the members of this delegation have been very helpful to Foreign Service Officers; first Professor Melville many years ago in Sydney, and more recently himself and these junior officers here in Canberra.

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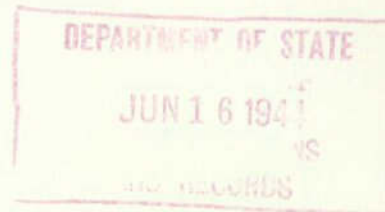
Secretary of State,

Washington.

72, June 16, 2 p.m.

My 69, June 13, 2 p.m.

Government today also designated Bridgen
delegate to Monetary Conference. Please reserve
additional single room.



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Secretary of State,
Washington.

69, June 13, 2 p.m.

Department's circular telegram May 25, 3 p.m.

Formal acceptance now received.

Delegation consists of Professor Leslie G. Melville, head of delegation; Frederick H. Wheeler from Treasury; Arthur H. Tange from External Affairs. These will also be designated to represent Australia at the meeting at Atlantic City where they should arrive June 20 or 21.

At Washington they will borrow from the Australian Legation one cypher clerk and one typist for the main conference. They ask reservations at Mt. Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, as follows: single room for head of delegation, double for Wheeler and Tange, single for office and single each for clerks, last of whom could room with counterparts from other delegations if necessary.

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Dated June 1, 1944

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Secretary of State

Washington

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66, June 1, 2 p.m.

Informally advised Cabinet late last night decided to accept invitation also that Cabinet Sub-committee will meet June 6 to choose delegation to Monetary Conference (Department's circular telegram of May 25, 5 p.m.)

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