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For His Excellency's Decision.

District Headquarters in Phoenix Islands.

- (a) I should be grateful for information as to whether it is intended to station an Administrative Officer permanently in the Phoenix Group and, if so, on what island, in order that arrangements can be made for the construction of suitable quarters.
- (b) I would respectfully suggest that an Administrative Officer is not required permanently in the Phoenix Group until regular British Air Services are commenced and that then the Phoenix Islands can be combined with Christmas Island (and possibly the Tokelau Islands) in one District, with headquarters at Hull Island or, if it is to be settled, Christmas Island. The islands would be in close communication with each other by air. Until that time the present arrangement, by which the Native Lands Commissioner acts as Administrative Officer in Charge of the District, would appear satisfactory.
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