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For His Excellency's Decision.

Canton Island - Position of Administrative Officer.

- (1) Submitted that the position of the British representative on Canton Island has entirely altered owing to the advent of Pan American Airways. The British station compared favourably with the American until recently, but with the building of a luxurious hotel and accommodation for a permanent staff of 30, a golf course, tennis courts, etc., it is urged that the one roomed wooden shack put up for the British representative and his wife is derogatory to the dignity and prestige of Great Britain.

Commencing from this month the position of the British representative will be apparent to hundreds of trans-Pacific travellers, the majority being men and women of distinction and importance in the world's affairs.

- (2) Suggested that if it is considered necessary to keep on an Administrative Officer at Canton Island he should be provided with suitable and dignified permanent quarters or else that arrangements should be made for suitable accommodation to be obtained for him at the Hotel.
- (3) On ^{my} recent visit to Canton Island I felt that Mr. Fleming was worried with regard to his position on the island. He is naturally very dependant on the Americans and is only able to maintain wireless communication by a special concession in their part. Nothing, however, could exceed their courtesy to him on all occasions.
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