

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

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Nikumaroro (Gardner) Island,  
Phoenix Islands District,  
27th December, 1940.

Confidential.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential telegram No. 2 of the 26th. October, 1940, and to state that two packages are being handed to the Master, R.C.S. "Nimanoa", for eventual delivery to the High Commission Office in Suva. The larger of these packages is the coffin containing the remains of the unidentified individual found on the South Eastern shore of Gardner Island; the second package is the sextant box found in the immediate locality and contains all the other pieces of evidence which were found in the proximity of the body.

2. The fact that the skull has been buried in damp ground for nearly a year, whilst all the other bones have been lying above ground during the same period, was probably not apparent from previous correspondence,

but may be helpful in

The Secretary,

Western Pacific High Commission,

Suva - Fiji.