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Folio No: 17-18 NDFATS
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs London cablegram sent 4 October 1932.

No current sensitivity.

Folio No: 76, 77 and 78 NDFATS
Unidentified, unreferenced and undated file note - Australian Antarctic Territory - Legal basis of Australia's sovereignty.

Folio No: 79-83 OWE
Record of Conversation between JCG Kevin and RE Hoey dated 24 July 1956 - Antarctica.

Previously examined in Case 8114:

Folios 79-81 Annex B s 12(a)

Folio 82 Annex A (based on a memo from the US Embassy Canberra) - NDFATS

Folio 83 Record of Conversation - NDFATS.

s33(1)(a) security and international relations.

Folio No: 85 NDFATS
Extract from Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1926 (Cmd.2768) at p.33.

UK has released this document a copy is held in the Australian National Library.

Folio No: 86-87 NDFATS
AG's Department handwritten file note: (List of publications referring to AAT.)

No current sensitivity.

Folio No: 92 NDFATS
AG's Department handwritten minute 53/3228 dated 3 December 1956, Clark to Lyons.

Referring to DEA's request for s 12(a)

(see folio 84).

No current sensitivity.

Folio No: 107-108 EXEMPT
AG's Department handwritten file note unreferenced and undated - Australia's legal position.

These notes are comments on the content of s 12(a)

(folio 107). s33(1)(a) security and international relations
and (b) wrt UK comments.

Folio No: 109-119

Draft Cabinet Submission undated - Antarctic: Recent developments.

This was to become Cabinet Submission 752 of March 1957 which is OWE.

Folio 113 page 7 paragraph 14 continued - delete s 12(a)

Folio 113 page 7 sub-paragraph 15(a) - delete in total.

Folio 113 page 7 sub-paragraph 15(b) - delete s 12(a)

Folio 115 page 5 paragraph 9 - delete s 12(a)

s33(1)(a) security/international relations and (b) wrt UK comments.

Folio No: 120-164

OWE

DEA Canberra report dated July /1957 - The Antarctic : A Review of Australian Interests and Policy (Revised).

Previously examined in Cases 5929 and 9187.

Folios 125-126 Annex E - delete in total.

Folio 145 page 18 sub-paragraph 36(a) - delete in total

Folio 145 page 18 sub-paragraph 36(b) - delete s 12(a)

Folio 156 page 7 paragraph 16 - delete s 12(a)

s33(1)(a) security/international relations and (b) wrt UK comments.

Folio No: 176-196

OWE

Unidentified report dated June 1956 - Recent developments in the Antarctic.

Folio 181-182 Appendix A pages 1 and s 12(a) - delete in total.

Folio 184 page 13 Section 5 (Conclusion) paragraph 1 - delete in total

Folio 184 page 13 Section 5 (Conclusion) paragraph 2. - delete s 12(a)

s33(1)(a) security.

Folio No: 197-203

Draft Cabinet Submission undated - Antarctic: Recent developments.

This was to become Cabinet Submission 752 of March 1957 which is OWE.

Folio 199 page 5 paragraph 9 - delete s 12(a)

s33(1)(a) international relations and (b) wrt UK comments;

Folio No: 204-247

OWE

DEA Canberra report dated July 1957 - The Antarctic: A Review of Australian Interests and Policy.

Folio 209-210 Annex E page 1 and s 12(a) - delete in total.

Folio 228 page 18 sub-paragraph 36(b) - delete s 12(a)

Folio 229 page 17 sub-paragraph 36(a) - delete in total

Folio 239 page 7 paragraph 16 - delete s 12(a)

s33(1)(a) security/international relations and (b) wrt UK comments.

Folio No: 251-253

OWE

DEA minute dated 31 July 1957 - A suggested Australian proposal to be placed before the London Conference.

Previously examined in Case 9187.

Folio 251 Notes paragraph 1 - delete in total s 12(a)

Folio 251 Notes sub-paragraph 4a - delete in total s 12(a)

Folio 251 Notes sub-paragraph 4b - delete s 12(a)

Folio 251 Notes paragraph 5 - delete in total s 12(a)

Folio 252 Appendix s 12(a)
in total.

- delete

Folio 253 paragraph 2 - delete s 12(a)

s33(1)(a) security

Folio No: 269-271 and 272-274

AHC London cable I.11471/73 sent 15 August 1957 - Antarctica.

Previously examined in Case 948 and 5 other cases.

Although previously deleted, s 33(a)(iii)
and, so, are not sensitive, s 33(a)(iii)

s 12(a)

s 33(a)(iii)

s 12(a)

Folio No: 281-287

NDFATS

Australian Embassy Washington cable I.11623-25/655/655-58/676 sent 17 August 1957 -
Antarctica

Case 4195: Previously exempt, referred to UK to give us a current idea as to where they stand on
these matters. Released by UK 18 April 2001.

Folio No: 293-296

OWE

AG's Department minute 53/3228 dated 16 August 1957. (AG's comments on DEA Canberra report
dated July, 1957 - The Antarctic: A Review of Australian Interests and Policy (Revised) and Draft
Cabinet Submission undated - Antarctic: Recent developments.)

Folio 295 page 2 paragraph 6 - delete s 12(a)

Folio 296 page 1 sub-paragraph 2(a) - delete s 12(a)
Redacted in Cabinet Submission 752.

Folio 296 page 1 sub-paragraph 2(b) - delete s 12(a)
Redacted in Cabinet Submission 752.

s33(1)(a) security

Folio No: 297-298

NDFATS

AG's Department handwritten file note undated - List of sources consulted in connection with
preparation of draft on folio 53:

Note BYIL refers to British Yearbook on International Law.

No current sensitivity.

Folio No: 299-300

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AG's Department letter 53/3228 dated 28 August 1957 - Antarctica: Recent developments.

Folio 299 page 2 paragraph 5 continued - delete in total.

Folio 299 page 2 paragraph 6 - delete in total.

Folio 299 page 2 paragraph 8 - delete in total.

Folio 300 page 1 paragraph 5 - delete in total.

s33(1)(a) security

Folio No: 301-302

OWE

AG's Department letter 53/3228 dated 28 August 1957 - Antarctica: Recent developments.

Folio 301 page 2 paragraph 5 continued - delete in total.

Folio 301 page 2 paragraph 6 - delete in total.

Folio 301 page 2 paragraph 8 - delete in total.

Folio 302 page 1 paragraph 5 - delete in total.

s33(1)(a) security

Folio No: 303-306

OWE

Draft AG's Department letter 53/3228 undated - Antarctica: Recent developments.

Folio 303 page 4 renumbered paragraph 8 continued - delete in total.

Folio 304 page 3 renumbered paragraph 6 continued - delete in total together with handwritten amendments.

Folio 304 page 3 renumbered paragraph 8 - delete in total together with handwritten amendments.

Folio 305 page 2 renumbered paragraph 5 - delete in total together with handwritten amendments.

Folio 305 page 2 renumbered paragraph 6 - delete in total together with handwritten amendments.

s33(1)(a) security

Folio No: 307-308

OWE

AG's Department letter 53/3228 dated 28 August 1957 - Antarctica: Recent developments.

Folio 307 page 2 paragraph 5 continued - delete in total.

Folio 307 page 2 paragraph 6 - delete in total.

Folio 307 page 2 paragraph 8 - delete in total.

Folio 308 page 1 paragraph 5 - delete in total.

s33(1)(a) security

Folio No: 312-375

NDFATS

UK High Commissioner Canberra letter L.941/3 dated 25 January 1955. Covering UK Foreign Office London Application dated March 1955 - The Agent for the Government of the United Kingdom to the registrar of the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

Covering letter released in Case 8118 as having no current sensitivities. The Application is in the public arena and can be viewed on the ICJ web-site.



Australian Government
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10 May 2012
Case: 10150
Your Reference: 08/988

National Director
Section 33
National Archives of Australia

Attention: s 22 1(a)(ii)

**APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO COMMONWEALTH RECORDS UNDER SECTION 40
OF THE ARCHIVES ACT**

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1. We have completed our examination of the aforementioned record and have determined that, from a DFAT perspective only, the folios listed below are wholly or partially exempt under subsection 33(1)(a) of the *Archives Act 1983*.

Material withheld	Relevant folio numbers	Total no.
Partially exempt folios	11, 12, 14, 113, 115, 145, 156, 184, 199, 228, 229, 239, 251, 253, 295, 296, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307 and 308	25
Wholly exempt folios	79-81, 107-108, 125-126, 181-182, 209-210 and 252	12
Closed Period folios	Nil	0
WPA folios	Nil	0

Relevant sub-section of the <i>Archives Act</i>	Folio number/s
s33(1)(a) <i>Damage to security, defence or international relations.</i>	11, 12, 14, 113, 115, 145, 156, 184, 199, 228, 229, 239, 251, 253, 295, 296, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307 and 308. 79-81, 107-108, 125-126, 181-182, 209-210 and 252.
Material questions of fact	Reasons for claiming exemptions
The exempt material relates to the Australian Antarctic Territory.	The folios contain information the disclosure of which could damage the security, defence or international relations of the Commonwealth within the meaning of s33(1)(a) of the <i>Archives Act 1983</i> .

2. Thank you for referring this item to us. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding the examination of this file.

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Enclosures:

1. A432, 1953/3228 Pt1 (376 folios)
2. DFAT Worksheet
3. Expunged copies of folios 11, 12, 14, 113, 115, 145, 156, 184, 199, 228, 229, 239, 251, 253, 295, 296, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307 and 308.