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My Lord,

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With reference to my Confidential despatch Dominions No. 54 of the 30th January 1926, and connected correspondence, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the question of the limit of territorial waters off ice-bound coasts was referred to the Committee of the Imperial Conference which was considering the general subject of British Policy in the Antarctic (see my Secret despatch of the 5th of January).

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2. The Committee recognized the difficulty of measuring the three mile limit of territorial waters from any base other than the coast of terra firma, but they thought that an exception might be made in the case of ice-barriers which are, to all intents and purposes, a permanent extension of the land proper. They understood that, of the ice-barriers at present known to exist, the only cases falling within the above description would be the Ross, Luitpold and East Graham Land barriers.

3. The Committee's Report was approved by the Imperial Conference on the 19th November.

I have the honour to be,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

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GOVERNOR GENERAL,  
HIS EXCELLENCY,  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,  
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