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Prime Minister

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Minutes of Defence.

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they would be useful as an air station  
on the route from S. Africa to Australia  
which if they were in the hands they  
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To Minister of Defence

In course of communication with F.M. Smuts this evening he mentions a matter which he would like to discuss.

The Prince Edward Island group of islands which lie 5000 800 miles South East of the Cape are unoccupied (that) are the islands claimed by us. He would like South Africa to take them over as the islands (?) (?) would be useful as a air station on the (route) from South Africa too Antarctica which if left might in time (?) (?) are in dangerous proximity to South Africa. Will you, please, look into this with the aim to meeting the Field Marshall one day next week

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