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From: High Commissioner, Suva.

To: Resident Commissioner, Tarawa.

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Your telegram No. 156, settlement with Banabans. What we require in the first instance is not a legal document but a clear and concise statement to be handed to the Banabans for their information and consideration. It seems important statement should be prepared by someone with intimate knowledge of subject and all are agreed that you are best fitted to supervise preparation of statement. If and when agreement has been arrived at with the Banabans it will then be time to have a legal binding document drawn up if this is considered necessary or take such other steps as may be considered desirable to give effect to agreement.

2. I shall be glad if you would proceed accordingly and have statement translated by Bauro who should as you propose accompany you to Suva.

3. See para. 2 of my telegram No. 77. It is important that full details of expenditure and its allocation in connection with Rabi should be available at final negotiation with the Banabans.

High Commissioner.