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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

PARIS, JULY 26.

A semi-official note denies that France has intimated to England an intention of establishing a protectorate in the New Hebrides. M. Waddington, it is explained, has repeatedly stated that the measures taken by France were temporary, and were solely designed to guarantee the security of the colonists. The two Governments, it is added, are studying a *modus vivendi* with a view to maintaining order in that region.

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Lord Rosebery, having received the replies of all Australian Governments on the subject of the French proposals regarding the New Hebrides, officially informed M. Waddington that the Australian colonies, which were the parties chiefly affected, were overwhelmingly if not unanimously opposed to the arrangements suggested by his Excellency in a spirit which Her Majesty's Government recognized as conciliatory and amicable.

Her Majesty's Government were accordingly unable to consent to any departure from the present understanding between Great Britain and France, by which the two countries were bound to respect the independence of the New Hebrides.