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From the High Commissioner:
H.E. The Hon L.W. Gandar

9 June 1982

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON S W 1.

Dear Prime Minister,

I have today received the following message from my Prime Minister, the Rt Hon R D Muldoon, which he has asked me to pass on to you.

Dear Margaret,

A message has been forwarded to me by Colonel D J Baker, Commandant of the Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth (New Zealand Division), who wishes it to be passed on to you.

His Command admires your tenacious and sterling British attitude which echoes the many fine qualities of great women of the past who have faced a crisis and ultimately triumphed.

The message reads as follows:

The Spirit of the Legion

In the fair garden of our civilisation, where all the fruits of human endeavour ripen for the welfare of the people, there grows a little weed called patriotism - shadowed by the growth of hardier plants, even uprooted by the rake of statecraft, it is permitted to live in the borders, and in the guarding hedges, and beyond them.

The weed is sown in sorrow and rooted in disaster. It has its growth in peril and its maturity in war, when its red flowers light the gloom of battle. It is the dream of the Legion to make the red flowers bloom in the garden of the Empire even in time of peace.

God guard thee both. Long live the Queen.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

R D Muldoon

*Yours sincerely
L.W. Gandar*