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From the Private Secretary

10 December 1984

Farewell Call by the New Zealand
High Commissioner on the Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 6 December conveying the New Zealand High Commissioner's request to pay a farewell call on the Prime Minister.

We certainly do not wish to make such calls the rule. However, the Prime Minister has agreed on an exceptional basis to a call by Mr. Young. We will find a suitable date direct with the New Zealand High Commissioner.

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Prime Minister
Agree?
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6 December 1984

Yes not

Dear Charles,

Farewell Call by the New Zealand High Commissioner on the Prime Minister

The appointment of the New Zealand High Commissioner in London, the Honourable William L Young, will terminate on 13 February 1985. Mr Young has asked if he might pay a farewell call on the Prime Minister.

Although such calls are not the rule, the previous Australian High Commissioner paid a farewell call on the Prime Minister. New Zealand remains a close friend. They have supported us faithfully over the Falklands issue and again voted with us at the UN General Assembly this year. Because of distance Ministerial visits to New Zealand are not as frequent as we would like. We therefore have to make a particular effort to ensure that the New Zealanders do not get the impression that we are taking them for granted. There is no doubt that if the Prime Minister could find the time to see the departing High Commissioner, the gesture would be very much appreciated.

The Prime Minister has met Mr Young on various occasions since his arrival in September 1982, most particularly during the visits of the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Lange, this autumn and thos of his predecessor Sir R Muldoon.

If the Prime Minister is prepared to agree to a farewell call, we will ask the New Zealand High Commission to contact you direct to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours ever,

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