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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

21 February, 1985

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Dear David,

Introductory Call on the Prime Minister by the New Zealand High Commissioner on Friday 22 February at 3 pm

/ I attach a brief for the introductory call by
/ the New Zealand High Commissioner on the Prime Minister,
together with a personality note on Mr Walding.

The brief contains rather more substance than normal for an introductory call, in view of the current controversy arising out of the New Zealand Government's decision to reject a US request for a warship visit, and of the call by Mr Lange on the Prime Minister on 4 March. No report has yet reached us of any discussion there may have been in Washington during the visit of the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary. We will see that any report that reaches us of the Foreign Secretary's talks is passed to you without delay.

In addition to the points in the brief about the row over ship visits, the Prime Minister will wish to refer to our very close links with New Zealand and the affection in which both country and people are held in this country.

*Yours ever,
Peter Ricketts*

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

David Barclay Esq
10 Downing Street

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INTRODUCTORY CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE NEW ZEALAND
HIGH COMMISSIONER: 22 FEBRUARY 1985

Our Objective

1. To ensure that he is in no doubt about UK view of present NZ policies and the damage they are doing.

Arguments to Use

2. Western nations face a common threat - the USSR. Nuclear deterrence has ensured peace for 40 years. Members of Western alliances must pull together - cannot pick and choose benefits. See ANZUS in this light. Shall make this quite clear to Mr Lange.

3. NZ policy will only encourage Soviet wedge-driving.

4. We share US concern. Ban could rule out RN visits to New Zealand, damage other defence links. Want to find solution to present impasse.

5. Mr Lange at liberty to develop his views in Oxford debate. Event may only harden positions.

6. If New Zealand is seen to be moving away from the Western camp, its position in the EC will become more difficult.

Political Arguments

7. Western deterrent does not stop at NATO boundaries: development of Soviet Pacific Fleet evidence of need for world-wide vigilance.

8. Reduced defence co-operation of any kind only damages West's preparedness.

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9. Oxford debate a media event: solution better found through negotiations.

His Objectives

10. To assure HMG that present NZ policy is not anti-Western.

Your Response

11. Facts speak for themselves. Soviet message of support demonstrates wedge-driving only too well.

Press Line

12. Introductory call. UK concern about dispute within Anzus and hope for quick resolution of problems made clear.

Background

13. Mr Walding has advanced his arrival to be in London for Mr Lange's visit.

14. Mr Lange is due to speak at the Oxford Union on 1 March, the motion being that "This House believes that nuclear weapons are morally indefensible". The High Commissioner in Wellington has already pointed out to him the pitfalls of entering the domestic debate.

15. New Zealand rejected a US request for a warship visit in March. UK/US policy of "neither confirm nor deny". Americans have reacted by cancelling unilaterally ANZUS and other multinational exercises, including one involving the UK. They are considering a reduction in intelligence exchanges. They have denied moves to impose economic sanctions.

Economic

16. Community five-year agreement on New Zealand butter signed July 1984. Quantities for the final two years to be determined

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later. Problem is now, not butter access, but butter surplus disposal. UK share of New Zealand trade only 9% but exports up 25% in 1983.

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THE HON JOSEPH ALBERT WALDING

Born 1926 in Christchurch. Served with the Merchant Navy in the Pacific, Atlantic, France and Germany during the Second World War. He then went into the catering business and, an entrepreneur by instinct, built up the family firm.

In 1959 he became member of Palmerston North City Council and then Labour MP for that constituency, 1967-1975 and 1978-1981. From 1973-5 he was Minister of Overseas Trade, Minister of Recreation and Sport and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs. Having officially retired from politics in 1982, he acted as Mr Lange's right-hand man during his 1984 election campaign and enjoys his personal confidence.

A practising Catholic, he is not a political ideologue. Acute, honest and down-to-earth, he is well disposed towards Britain.

Married, with 6 daughters.

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Meeting folder for
FRIDAY?



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returning to office
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Mr Chick
South Pacific Department

FROM: S W F Martin
Protocol Department
DATE: 15 February 1985
cc: Private Secretary
PS/The Baroness Young
PS/PUS
PA/Sir William Harding
PA/Dr D C Wilson
PA/Mr Gibbs
PA/Mr Chick, SPD
PA/Mr le Breton, CCD
PS/Minister for ODA
PS/10 Downing Street

1. The new High Commissioner for New Zealand, The Hon. J A Walding, is due to arrive in London on Thursday 21 February and will assume his functions immediately.
2. An appointment with the Prime Minister to present the Letter of Introduction has been arranged for Friday 22 February at 3.00 pm. (I have sent you a blind copy of my letter to the New Zealand High Commission about this call.) An audience of Her Majesty The Queen will also be arranged as soon as possible.
3. In due course, you should arrange for the appropriate FCO Minister to give a lunch in honour of the High Commissioner.
4. Appointments for the High Commissioner to pay his initial calls at the FCO have been made as follows:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Minister of State (The Baroness Young)	Fri 22 Feb	10.00 am
Head of Commonwealth Co-Ordination Dept (Mr David le Breton)	22 Feb	10.30 am
Assistant Under Secretary (Dr D C Wilson)	22 Feb	11.00 am
Permanent Under Secretary	22 Feb	11.30 am
Deputy Under Secretary (Sir William Harding)	22 Feb	12.00 noon
Head of South Pacific Department	Tue 26 Feb	3.30 pm
Vice Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps	26 Feb	4.00 pm
Secretary of State	To Be Arranged	

5. For these calls would you please prepare a biography of the High Commissioner and a short brief on our relations with New Zealand. They should be given the following distribution:

Top copies on blue paper to:

Protocol Department - to forward to the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps for Her Majesty The Queen. This copy should have the date and 'Foreign and Commonwealth Office' typed at the bottom.

Private Secretary (10 Downing Street)

/Other copies



Other copies to:

Private Secretary - for the Secretary of State
APS to Secretary of State
Minister of State (The Baroness Young)
Permanent Under Secretary
Deputy Under Secretary (Sir William Harding)
Assistant Under Secretary (Dr D C Wilson)
Assistant Under Secretary (ODA)
Vice Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps
Head of South Pacific Department
Head of Commonwealth Co-ordination Department
4 copies to Protocol Department for Mr Martin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S W F Martin'.

15 February 1985

S W F Martin
Protocol Department



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London SW1A 2AH

15 February 1985

Mr Leslie R Gibson
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My dear Leo,

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I am writing, in confirmation of our telephone conversation this morning, to say that the Prime Minister looks forward to the new High Commissioner, the Hon J A Walding (who arrives on 21 February), calling on her at 10 Downing Street at 3.00 pm on Friday 22 February in order to present the letter of introduction from your Prime Minister, the Right Hon. David Lange.

Yours sincerely
Stanley Martin

S W F Martin
Assistant Marshal of the
Diplomatic Corps

Bcc: Mrs Ryder, 10 Downing St
Miss Phillips, Private Office
Mr Chick, SPD - could briefing
please reach No 10 by the
evening of Thursday 21 February

MR POWELL

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New New Zealand High Commissioner

I have received a call from the Foreign Office asking for the New Zealand High Commissioner to pay a courtesy call on the Prime Minister before she sees the New Zealand Prime Minister.

I have put him in the diary next Friday - the day you get back from the United States. Not ideal, but better than the following week which is already almost full. Briefing will be send automatically.

CR .

Caroline Ryder

15 February 1985