



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 September 1985

RAINBOW WARRIOR

I enclose a copy of Mr. Lange's reply to the Prime Minister's recent message agreeing to provide the services of a British Mine Clearance Diving Officer.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

(Charles Powell)

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

h-



New Zealand High Commission

New Zealand House
Haymarket
London SW1Y 4TQ
Telephone 01-930 8422
Telex 24368

subject
ccops
master.

④

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T162/85

Reference:

12 September 1985

Prime Minister
CDP 12/9.

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
Whitehall
SW1A

Dear Prime Minister,

I have been asked to pass the following message to you from the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon David Lange:

"Dear Prime Minister

I would like to thank you for your personal message concerning the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior and for your agreement to our request for the services of a British Mine Clearance Diving Officer. The New Zealand Police believe that such an expert will be of great assistance to them in their investigations.

I have noted that you have no objection to your expert giving evidence in Court. This is much appreciated. I agree with you that in the circumstances we should make our original request and your response public.

I would like to thank you once again for your prompt and forthcoming action on this matter.

I too am looking forward to our meeting in October at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

With best wishes.

David Lange"

Yours sincerely,
N D Walter.

(N D Walter)
Acting High Commissioner