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Private Secretary (Overseas Affairs)
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Dear Charles,

Thank you for your telephone call last evening in which you advised me that the Prime Minister had seen my letter and that Mrs Thatcher proposed to reply indicating that she would look forward to welcoming Mr Harland to London.

I conveyed the gist of your message to Wellington and have now received the text of a press statement which, in view of press speculation which I mentioned to you, the Prime Minister, Mr Lange, now proposes to release at midday Wednesday 4 September New Zealand time (which is 1 a.m. Wednesday London time).

Thank you for your help.

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(B M Brown)
Acting High Commissioner

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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RT HON DAVID LANGE MP

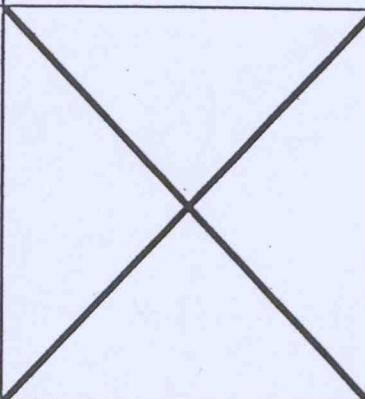
APPOINTMENT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON

The appointment of Mr Bryce Harland as New Zealand High Commissioner to London was announced today by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Rt Hon David Lange. Mr Harland, who will take up his appointment shortly, succeeds the late Hon J.A. Walding.

A career Foreign Affairs officer, Mr Harland is currently New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He was formerly New Zealand's first Ambassador to China and North Vietnam. Mr Harland's earlier overseas assignments were to Singapore, Bangkok, New York and Washington. He was an Assistant Secretary in Foreign Affairs before taking up his posting to New York.

In making the announcement Mr Lange paid tribute to the substantial contribution made by Mr Walding during the short time that he held the London position. He was confident that New Zealand's interests would continue to be well looked after with Mr Harland's appointment. "Mr Harland's qualifications and broad experience make him a remarkably good advocate of New Zealand's position," said Mr Lange.

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Monday, 2 September

Dear Charles,

I enclose a letter to
the Prime Minister, with
a copy, as we discussed.

I understand that,
to our regret, it is
expected that as a
result of an apparent
leak, the New Zealand
Tuesday papers are likely
to feature the appointment
- i.e. Monday night

London. ^{2.} Our apologies
if in fact this occurs
I sincerely it would
be helpful for our
Prime Minister to be able
to make a formal announce-
ment as soon as
possible. I should
therefore be grateful for
your help in getting
my letter quickly to
the Prime Minister. It
would be helpful to
Janet when she has
seen it.
Thanks once more. Yours, Bruce.



bc Ken Appleyard (fco)

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

2 September 1985

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of today's date in which you advise her informally of your Government's intention to appoint Mr. Bryce Harland as High Commissioner in succession to the late Mr. Walding. The Prime Minister was grateful to be informed of the proposed appointment and looks forward to welcoming Mr. Harland to London.

The Prime Minister has also asked me to convey her congratulations upon your own appointment as Ambassador to Thailand and to send you her best wishes in your new post.

(C. D. POWELL)

Bruce Brown, Esq.

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2 September 1985

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Dear Charles,

New Zealand High Commissioner

Mr Bruce Brown, the New Zealand Acting High Commissioner, wrote to the Prime Minister about the proposal to nominate Mr Bryce Harland, currently New Zealand's Permanent Representative in New York, as High Commissioner in London. He would succeed Mr Joseph Walding who died here in June.

The advice of our Permanent Representative in New York is that Mr Harland is an able diplomat who has capably represented the views of the present New Zealand Government. He has also gone out of his way to seek British views, and has proved a business-like colleague. We see no reason why the Prime Minister should not tell the New Zealanders in the customary terms that she welcomes the appointment.

/ I attach a draft which you might send to Mr Bruce Brown informing him of this.

Yours ever,

L V Appleyard

(L V Appleyard)
Private Secretary

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Thank you for your letter of 2 September informing the Prime Minister of your Government's proposal to send Mr Bryce Harland to succeed the late Mr Walding as High Commissioner in London.

The British Government will be glad to welcome Mr Harland to London, and looks forward to continuing with him the happy association that it has enjoyed with previous New Zealand High Commissioners.

Enclosures—flag(s).....