



PRIME MINISTER
SUVA, FIJI

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister.

Dear Prime Minister,

I thank you for your letter dated 4th February 1981, and for the assurances you have given on the continuing access of ACP sugar into the European Community, at guaranteed prices, and on the United Kingdom's full commitment to its obligation under the Sugar Protocol to the Lome Convention.

The Honourable Richard Body will have reported to you our discussions in Suva on our continuing concern in Fiji on the marketing arrangement for our sugar in the United Kingdom.

We acknowledge the broad commitment of the European Community as a whole in the Sugar Protocol to the Lome Convention. However, it has always been our understanding that the Protocol on ACP Sugar, as the successor instrument to the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, also provides the necessary framework within which the marketing arrangements effected by the traditional Commonwealth suppliers to the United Kingdom market under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement would be continued following the United Kingdom's entry into the European Community.

Indeed, this is the understanding which forms the basis of the present marketing contract between Fiji and Tate and Lyle. This contract specifically provides that all of Fiji's Lome quota of 163,600 m.t.g.v., which was based on Fiji's quota under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, must be refined in the United Kingdom.

We would like to continue this marketing arrangement when our present contract with Tate and Lyle expires in June next year. In saying so, and in seeking your Government's support for it, we have noted with appreciation your assurance that there is no reason why the United Kingdom cannot continue to take most of the ACP sugar, as at present, notwithstanding the closure by Tate and Lyle of its refinery in Liverpool.

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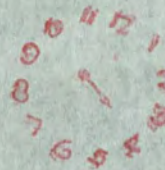
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I would be most grateful for the support of your Government in our approach to Tate and Lyle on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kamisse Mara
(K.K.T. Mara)

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of your government in our approach to law and order. I would be most grateful for your reply.

It is my hope that you will continue to do so, and that we will be able to continue to do so, and that we will be able to continue to do so, and that we will be able to continue to do so.

The fact that you have done so, and that we will be able to continue to do so, and that we will be able to continue to do so, and that we will be able to continue to do so.

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I have the honour to attach the text of a letter from My Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara KBE.

yours sincerely,

J. D. Gibson

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High Commissioner

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister of Britain,
London.

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