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I refer to your email of 9 November 2022 in which you requested the following information:

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We are responding to your request under the New Zealand Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Please find attached the documents relevant to your request, some information is withheld under the following section of the OIA:

- s9(2)(f)(i): maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of communications by or with the Sovereign or her representative.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Your Excellency,

I should be grateful if you would convey  
the following message to Her Majesty:

"On behalf of all members of the  
Armed Forces of New Zealand, I thank  
Your Majesty for the gracious message  
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to this country.

Your Majesty's message has been  
promulgated throughout the Services  
and all have been honoured and encouraged  
by it."

Minister of Defence

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12 February 1954

Dear Mr Wells,

I think a draft along the lines of that attached might be suitable as a reply to Her Majesty.

Your papers are returned herewith.

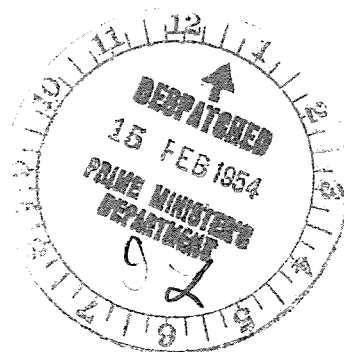
Yours sincerely,

(Sgd). FOSS SHANAHAN

Enclosure:

Draft message.

H. Wells, Esq.,  
Private Secretary,  
Minister of Defence,  
Parliament Buildings,  
WELLINGTON.



11.2.54

Mr Chanahan,

1. The Queens message is dated 30 Jan & this is 11 Feb - but I suppose it is better to acknowledge it late than not at all.

2. In view of time lag, I should say NOT to give to Press, but merely promulgate through.

RB

11 Feb

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by it, particularly those whose privilege  
it was to perform duties for Your Majesty  
during your tour."

Minister of Defence.

5 February 1954

Dear Sir,

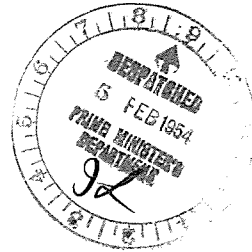
I have received your letter of 29 January about Dunford Recordings and wish to inform you that I have forwarded your request to the Department of Internal Affairs which deals with matters of this kind.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) R. G. COLLINS

Permanent Head.

D. H. Stringer Esq.,  
P.O. Box 1386,  
CHRISTCHURCH.



PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

30.1.54

ANNOUNCEMENT: This is the New Zealand Broadcasting Service. A short time ago the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. S. G. Holland, bade farewell to Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh at the Bluff. We now introduce Mr. Holland, who will speak of the Royal Tour just ended. Mr. Holland.

Today closes a chapter in New Zealand's history that will be engraved in the minds and hearts of all those who have been privileged to witness the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh in our midst. In these inspiring and exciting five and a half weeks, the people of New Zealand have had a never-to-be-forgotten experience of sheer joy, celebration and demonstration. New Zealand has known nothing like it before and our people will always remember these stirring days with feelings of deepest gratitude to Our Queen and Our Duke, who have made these happy times possible for us.

Another good thing resulting from the Royal Tour is that the story of New Zealand has been told to the whole world in a way that no other event could cause. The British character of our people, our climate, our tourist attractions, our industries and our national characteristics have all been described to the world in a most effective way.

It is quite impossible to calculate the beneficial effects of this remarkable Tour. The Queen has taken a full part in our national life. She performed the highest constitutional functions in the opening of our Parliament, in assenting to legislation and in presiding at meetings of both the Privy Council and the Executive Council. She has worshipped with the people in our churches. She has seen many thousands of our people at their work and on holiday, visited hospitals, factories, farms and

will take with them the loyal good wishes of all New Zealanders for as successful a tour there as has been the case in New Zealand.

It would be impossible to mention or to differentiate between one town and another, or between one function and another, for each centre and each occasion seemed to have special features of its own that characterised that particular centre.

With two exceptions, I do not propose to mention individual names because everybody who has had any part to play in the vast organisation of the Tour has done it with great efficiency and conspicuous ability.

In the first place, I wish to express the warmest appreciation of the Government to Mr. A. G. Harper, the Director of the Tour, and to his very capable staff for the efficiency of the organisation which planned and carried out every detail of a most intricate programme. Only those who have been intimately connected with the Tour arrangements can have any idea of the magnitude and complexity of the task. The country is grateful to Mr. Harper and his team for a most successful performance of their exacting duties.

Mr. E. H. Compton, Commissioner, and his officers and men of the Police Force, are entitled to the thanks of the community for all they have done. Kindliness, consideration, tact and patience have been the keynotes of their undoubted success. The public response to the friendly control of the Police was most marked. The Police have been splendidly supported by the Armed Forces and Local Body Transport Departments at many points during the Tour.

The Tour could not have been so successful without the close co-operation of the Local Bodies of New Zealand and their staffs. The Government and the Local Bodies have worked together as a well oiled machine, and I offer the Government's grateful thanks.

A special word here about the decorations. In our and on our buildings throughout the country these have been

the country. Our thanks go out to the loyal and devoted bands of people, especially the women who worked so hard to make this valuable contribution to the success of the Tour.

I must not forget the network of Government Departments, especially the Railways, Post and Telegraph, Civil Aviation, Navy, Army, Air, Post Office, Transport, Internal Affairs, Works, Government Printing Office, and Maori Affairs Departments.

Then there is that fine body of men responsible for the transport of people and the not inconsiderable quantity of baggage. No fewer than 47 car and truck drivers were engaged in this work, and they kept to their schedules without fail. No fewer than 650 pieces of baggage have been moved by land, sea and air, without a single piece being lost.

The Post and Telegraph drivers deserve particular praise. They have driven for long hours and from one end of New Zealand to the other, and accidents have been conspicuous by their absence.

A special word of appreciation must be said concerning the staff accompanying the Royal Party. In all our negotiations and day to day consultations they have been most helpful, understanding and co-operative. To The Queen's Private Secretary, Sir Michael Adeane and all associated with him who have done so much to ensure that things ran smoothly and efficiently, we express our gratitude.

The Education Department and Boards and our School Committees and teachers have done splendid work in organising parade of children. ~~Nothing has pleased Her Majesty more than the arrangements for her to visit the children of New Zealand.~~ Their healthy appearance and very rousing welcome have left a deep impression. We have had, as honoured guests during the Tour, a large team of overseas and local journalists, photographers and radio commentators. One outstanding feature of the Tour has been the recording in story and in picture of a truly historic occasion. We have been glad to

No praise is too high for our own New Zealand newspapers who have presented the news in accord with the highest standards of modern journalism. Just as we sometimes go to a football match and then buy a newspaper to read all about it, so have people feasted on the news about the Tour, many aspects of which they have been unable to see for themselves.

Numerous bodies throughout the Dominion have given really expert and most valuable service in the spheres in which they have been specially trained. In this connection I would particularly mention the Returned Services Association, the Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance, the Bandsmen, the Legion of Frontiersmen, Fire Brigades, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade.

Modern science has enabled many thousands of people to participate in this great celebration through the Broadcasting Service, which has given really outstanding service and has earned the thanks of countless people made happy by radio.

The Royal Visit has been an outstanding success, made possible by a combination of effort in many fields.

Many other organisations and people are also entitled to thanks. The general public has been magnificent. The Maori Receptions at Rotorua, Waitangi and Turangawaewae were outstanding. The people from Kaikohe to Bluff have been wonderfully helpful and co-operative, and their conduct wherever they assembled was most favourably commented on by overseas observers. Good humour, patience, and consideration for others were always in evidence.

To sum up, the Tour has been a magnificent success. A great and historic occasion has passed, leaving behind memories that will ever be pleasant and inspiring, all because Our Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have given so generously of their time to make it all possible.

All New Zealanders will trust that in giving so much pleasure to so many others, they have, by the love and affection of

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THE QUEEN'S FAREWELL BROADCAST

TO NEW ZEALAND

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To-night is the last of our visit to New Zealand. For rather more than five weeks my husband and I have travelled through your countryside and have dwelt in your cities and towns. To-morrow, escorted by the cruiser Black Prince, we shall sail from the Bluff for our journey across the Tasman Sea.

After such a short time we cannot pretend to a deep knowledge of New Zealand but we may now fairly - and proudly - claim to know a great deal more than we did when we entered Auckland Harbour two days before Christmas and in spite of wind and rain received a wonderful welcome.

And so this evening I wish to say a few words to you, my people of New Zealand. You have been our kind hosts during this journey, and you and your children have welcomed us throughout the land. You have shown us something of your life and we have visited some of your farms, your factories and your hospitals. We have met your chosen Representatives

in Parliament and have worshipped with you in your churches. We have shared both in your sorrows and your joys.

The impression we have received is of a great and united people. We know that in the one hundred and thirteen years which have passed since the Treaty of Waitangi the European and Maori peoples have drawn together, and that to your united strength is constantly being added the vitality and skill of settlers from many countries of the Old World. May this concord of races flourish in the fruitful land and in the splendid and healthy climate which Providence has given you.

These gifts carry with them a great responsibility and I do not doubt that as the years roll by you will never lose sight of the need to husband them and to continue those improvements to which you have set your hand and in many of which New Zealand leads the way.

As New Zealand progresses and develops you will always enjoy the warm affection of your kinsmen in the Mother



Country and the support and comradeship of the other peoples of the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Finally, my husband and I wish to thank you for all that you have done, every one of you, to make our visit so pleasant and so memorable. We thank Sir Willoughby Norrie, my personal representative, who was our host at Auckland and at Wellington. We thank the Prime Minister, Mr. Holland, who, with the New Zealand Government, devised the details of our tour; and we thank most warmly all those servants of the Crown - whether in the Civil Service, the Police, or the Armed Forces - who made and carried out the arrangements and who, in co-operation with the local authorities, made it a success.

But, above all, we thank you, the people of New Zealand of all ages, for your hospitality and your welcome; we greatly appreciate the many messages and presents which you have given to us for our children and which they will be delighted to receive. We have enjoyed

every minute of our stay and our only regret is that time has not allowed us to visit those Island Territories of which you are so justly proud.

Now that the moment has come to leave, we do so with sorrow but we also look forward to the day when we shall once more be able to visit your shores.

May God bless New Zealand and watch over the destinies of her people.

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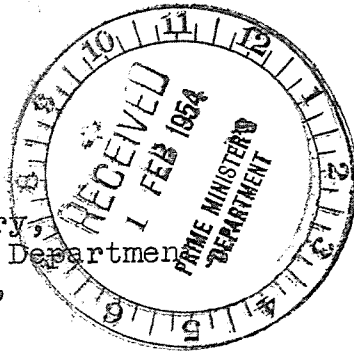
P.M. 151

88 Hereford Street,

12/27

Christchurch, N.Z.  
29th January 1954

The Official Secretary,  
The Prime Minister's Department  
Parliament Buildings,  
WELLINGTON.



Dear Sir,

re DUNFORD RECORDINGS  
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I am enclosing herewith a letter today sent to the Director of Broadcasting. This letter will explain the proposed actions of my client.

Apart from the matters raised therein, there is the matter of the proposed use of the voices of Her Majesty, The Queen, and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh. It is proposed to use extracts from the speeches made whilst in Christchurch.

In view of the use of the Royal portraits on such articles as beer mugs and other wholly unsuitable articles now on sale throughout the Country, it is felt that no objection will be raised to using their voices on such a recording.

If your Department is the appropriate one to grant such permission, I would be pleased to hear from you at the earliest possible date. If not, would you please forward this request to the appropriate Department, or advise me to whom to write.

Yours faithfully,



Permanent Head.

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Miss Angus

Please refer to Internal Affairs, & reply  
to Stringer saying this has been done.

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DUPLICATE: Secretary for Internal Affairs, WELLINGTON.  
P.M. 151/12/27: Referred for action please, together with  
copy of letter to Mr Stringer.

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The Director of Broadcasting,  
New Zealand Broadcasting Service,  
WELLINGTON.

ENCLOSURE  
TO 29th January 1954

Dear Sir,

re DUNFORD RECORDINGS.

I am acting for the abovenamed firm in the matter of certain proposed recordings to be made in connection with the recent Royal Visit to Christchurch.

My client feels that there will be some demand for a composite recording of events during the visit, so that the purchasers of these records will have a permanent record of those memorable days. To this end he has recorded on tape the majority of the programme, and proposes to select the best parts and combine them into one nine minute record.

Some of these tapes have been recorded from the able commentaries made by the Broadcasting Service announcers, and one is of Her Majesty's speech at the Civic reception, and another of His Royal Highness addressing the Chamber of Commerce.

I have been consulted as to the legality of the proposed step. It seems that there is nothing to stop recordings being taken from radio transmissions provided that they are not used for written publication at a later date. However the question of copyright arises in respect to the official commentaries. I am of the opinion that there is no copyright subsisting in these unscripted commentaries. However it is quite possible that my opinion is wrong, and rather than allow my client to go to the expense of pressing a large order of records and then possibly find that the matter of copyright does arise, I am setting the whole of the proposed transaction before you now. I have heard a tape of the proposed record, and very little use is made of official broadcasting material and the quality of the whole record is excellent.

If there is any question of copyright my client is quite prepared to meet the usual fees and rates of royalties to the department.

In view of the fact that time is an important element in a venture of this sort, I would be pleased to hear from you at the earliest possible date. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Prime Minister's department.

Yours faithfully,

15 January 1954

Dear Mr Fouhy,

Thank you for letting me see the proposed draft of the Queen's message of farewell to the Governor-General, and also His Excellency's draft reply on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand.

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Yours sincerely,

D.E. Fouhy Esq., C.B.E.,  
Official Secretary,  
Government House,  
Wellington.

W. Sleight  
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On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand I thank Your Majesty for the gracious message sent on your departure.

The visit of Your Majesty and His Royal Highness will always have a treasured place in the history of our country and every New Zealander looks forward to the time when you both may be able to visit us again.

We wish Your Majesty and His Royal Highness a pleasant journey and a safe and happy return to your family at the conclusion of your Commonwealth tour.

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(Sgd) A.D.M. Enoch

D.E. Fouhy Esq., C.B.E.,

Official Secretary,

Government House,

Wellington.

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PM 151/12/27.

7. Address in Reply - On motion of the Right Honourable Mr Holland, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr Nash, Resolved, nemine contradicente, That the following Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen in reply to Her Majesty's Speech:

Most Gracious Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to the House of Representatives.

We wish to express our gratification and deep sense of privilege at the honour which Your Majesty has bestowed upon us in opening this session of the thirtieth Parliament. Your Majesty is assured that we recognize this as an occasion of profound significance in the history of New Zealand.

We rejoice in Your Majesty's visit to our country, and more especially for the opportunity it gives to us, the representatives of the people in Parliament, of paying our loyal homage and heartfelt devotion to Your Majesty in person. We trust that your journey through New Zealand, which is of such rare significance and consuming interest to us, will also prove both agreeable and interesting to Your Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

We affirm our deep and abiding loyalty to Your Majesty, and pray that Your Reign may be a long and happy one, marked by peaceful progress and high achievement.

In assuring Your Majesty that our most earnest consideration will be given to the several matters referred to in Your Gracious Speech, we join with Your Majesty in praying for Divine Guidance in all our deliberations.

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PM 15/12/27.

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On motion of the Right Honourable Mr Holland,  
Resolved. That Mr Speaker, accompanied by Members of  
the House, do present the said Address to Her Majesty  
the Queen at such time as Her Majesty may appoint.

12 January, 1954.

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DRAFT REPLY BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
TO ADDRESS IN REPLY

12. 1. 54

I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to my Speech at the opening of the Fourth Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of New Zealand. I thank you for your expressions of loyalty and affection by which I am deeply moved, and for your assurance that the matters to which I referred will receive your consideration.

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Sga  
Approved  
LGR

12-1-54

The tragic disaster which occurred at Tangiwae on Christmas Eve has cast its shadow over us all, and I have experienced the most profound sadness and grief at the loss suffered by my people on that occasion. My husband and I feel most deeply for you all, and we have shared your sorrow with full hearts. Our sympathy goes out to those who were bereaved by this terrible event, and we pray that they may have courage and faith to sustain them in their loss.

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NOTES FOR QUEEN'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

12/27  
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In the last five weeks, we have made a journey through New Zealand, the memory of which my husband and I shall cherish in our hearts and minds forever. You welcomed us in such a way that everywhere we have felt at home, surrounded by kindness and warm affection.

Now the time has come for us to say goodbye, which we do with the sadness that attends all partings from those who are dear to us. It is tempered by the hope that we shall be able to return to New Zealand, and by our knowledge that though our Mother Country is far from these shores, we stand together in the brotherhood of one family, and are united in spirit.

We take away with us the impression of a very happy country; and a most beautiful one. We shall remember a land aglow with all the lovely colours of summer; a country of green pastures, noble rivers, and the majesty of high mountains. We shall remember, as a symbol, how the native ferns and bush stand side by side with the familiar trees of Home. We shall remember the clear air, the colour of the hills and the ever-present magic of the sea.

We have also other impressions, equally vivid and lasting, of the progress wrought in this country within a short span of time, and the brilliant promise of high achievement in the years to come. Your energy and efforts are carrying New Zealand forward to great developments, the effect of which will, I know, be felt not only here, but well beyond these shores. It is an inspiration to me to reflect, as I pursue my own task, that the fortunes of the Commonwealth are in such hands as yours

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You have shown us most vividly in these five weeks how firm and strong are the bonds which draw us together in our great fellowship of nations. You have shown us also a most sincere loyalty and affection, for which I thank you from a full heart. These things sustain us as we fulfil the pledge we have given to devote our lives to your service. We shall give our utmost to that service, and to be worthy of your trust. God bless you all.

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Draft*

NOTES FOR PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS AT STATE  
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Today it is my honour and privilege, on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand, to offer our loyal and humble duty to Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness. It is a day of high rejoicing for us, and of heartfelt devotion. I am sure that the occasion will live resplendent in the memories of all of us here, as indeed Your Majesty's visit will live in the minds and hearts of all the people throughout these islands.

For us your visit and this day are the culmination of a long hope. We looked forward first to the visit of your revered and beloved parents, Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth; and then subsequently, when His Late Majesty's illness prevented this, our hearts turned in glad expectation to the prospect of Your own visit, approved by His Majesty himself, in his stead. The sad events which prevented the fulfilment of these arrangements are fresh in our minds, and will remain so, for King George's memory is evergreen. But this great sorrow is relieved by Your people's joy at the radiance of Your Own Accession and reign, and by our rejoicing and pride in having the privilege of welcoming Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness in this most loyal part of Your widespread dominions.

Since Your Majesty assumed the Throne, Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness have captured the hearts and affections not only of Your subjects throughout the Commonwealth and Empire, but of countless people in other lands as well. The glory of Your Coronation engendered amongst all Your peoples the deepest feelings of personal loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty. For those of us who were privileged to be present, that occasion will I know remain the profoundly moving event and spectacle of our lifetimes. I venture to remark that there is at this moment such a flood of loyalty to Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness from all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire as has never been surpassed in its whole history.

This Royal Visit is a landmark in our national life which fills us with pride, inspiration, and encouragement for the future; for it is the first occasion on which a reigning Sovereign has set foot

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upon these shores. We are deeply conscious of the honour thus granted to us, which has seized the imagination and enthusiasm of all New Zealanders. They have responded to it by according to Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness a New Zealand welcome, which demonstrates the intensity of their loyalty and affection.

We look back with gratitude to previous occasions in our history when members of the Royal Family visited New Zealand. The first was 84 years ago, in 1869, when H.R.H. Prince Alfred, the Duke of Edinburgh, landed at Wellington from Her Majesty's Ship "Galatea". According to the records we have, the colonists of the day took the Duke to their hearts, in the same manner as New Zealanders are now welcoming His Royal Highness the present Duke of Edinburgh. In His capacity as a serving officer of Her Majesty's Royal Navy, Prince Alfred visited New Zealand in the "Galatea" on two further occasions in 1870, and we like to think that, apart of course from the requirements of the Service, the warmth of the original welcome was in part responsible for His Royal Highness's subsequent visits.

In 1901 there came to New Zealand Your Majesty's grandparents, then the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, of whom, as King George V and Queen Mary, we cherish the memory of a long and noble reign. They were followed in 1920 by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in 1927 by Your Majesty's parents Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. They were later ~~of course~~ to preside over the destinies of the Commonwealth in days of peril and hardship, and we pay our tribute to them with reverence and devotion. After them, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester visited New Zealand in 1934-35, and finally, to crown this brilliant Royal array, New Zealand now for the first time welcomes its Sovereign, Your Majesty, and Your Royal Highness.

These visits by members of the Royal Family have all been great occasions in the life of New Zealand, none more momentous than the present one. Our people have a particularly strong sense of loyalty to the Crown, and the arrival of Royal visitors arouses unbounded enthusiasm and interest in the country, and intense

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demonstrations of popular acclaim. As a rather distant outpost of the Commonwealth and Empire, we are reinforced by such visits, and the imperishable ties which bind us as a member of the ~~Commonwealth~~ <sup>British</sup> Family are sustained and strengthened. Her Majesty is Queen of New Zealand, as she is of the United Kingdom and of Her other realms and territories, and we have this inspiring opportunity of paying our allegiance to her in our own land.

From such direct contact between our Sovereign and the members of the Commonwealth great good will flow. For I am convinced that we have entered a period of history in which the Commonwealth has the capacity to exercise a most significant, even a decisive, role in international affairs; and all events which reinforce the Commonwealth association will play their part in strengthening that influence. We therefore regard the visit of Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness not only in the light of the immediate great and widespread rejoicing which it has brought to New Zealand, but also with a full appreciation of its significance in the wider context of Commonwealth relations and policy.

We have in the Commonwealth a unique association of states, one of the greatest attributes of which is its extraordinary range and diversity. It includes nations of both East and West, freely united in a single group whose resources and potential are infinite. At the centre we have the centuries-old wisdom of Great Britain, and her incomparable tradition and experience in the conduct of affairs. This store of experience is freely available to all members of the Commonwealth, and can be relied on always as one of the main-springs of policy in whatever contingency may arise. It enables the Commonwealth to speak with the authority of history and powerful tradition, and to wield a corresponding influence in international affairs.

For us, the Crown is the dominant and focal point of this Commonwealth group, and the brilliant symbol of its association. As Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness stand on the threshold of Your reign, we feel that we are embarked on an era of high promise,

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in which the achievements and resources of the Commonwealth will be raised to new levels of greatness. We look to you for guidance and inspiration in the days that lie ahead, firm in the conviction that this brilliant promise will be fulfilled. The hopes of all Your people in New Zealand are directed to this end, that Your Majesty's reign may be long and happy, blessed with days of peace and made glorious by victories of high endeavour; and that Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness may long be preserved to guard and guide our fortunes, for the welfare of the Commonwealth and the benefit of mankind.

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STATE LUNCHEON, WELLINGTON.

On behalf of my husband and myself, I thank you all for the way in which you have honoured this toast. I am also grateful to the Prime Minister, and to the Leader of the Opposition, for their heartening words of welcome and allegiance. I am deeply touched by their kind references to my late beloved Father, King George VI, and to Queen Elizabeth and the other members of the Royal Family.

The warmth of the welcome we have everywhere received since our arrival in New Zealand has filled our hearts with joy and pride. We shall so remember it for the rest of our days. Wherever we have travelled in this beautiful country, we have been greeted with spontaneous enthusiasm and affection, and we have truly been made to feel at home. I know that this, which is one of the strongest impressions I have formed here, will provide a continuing source of inspiration to me in the days to come.

In what we have so far seen of New Zealand, both my husband and I have also been deeply impressed by the way in which, with the aid of science and technical skill, the country's manifold natural resources are being developed. Although we knew well of the scope and advancement of New Zealand industry, both primary and secondary, and of your great development projects, nevertheless, the experience of seeing these things ourselves has far exceeded all our expectations.

The progress which has been achieved in the comparatively short span of New Zealand's history bears witness to the vigour, courage and self-reliance of her people. It stands also as a living monument to your forefathers, to the pioneers, whose labours opened up this new land, and who, in their day, built the foundations of its greatness. Let us pay tribute to their works, which are our heritage and inspiration.

I am sustained in my task by the knowledge that in this loyal country of our great Commonwealth the spirit of enterprise and endeavour shines forth as brightly as ever it did in those earlier times. I know from what I have seen that by their efforts the people of New Zealand are making a contribution to the life of the Commonwealth which is unsurpassed. The most vivid impression of this adventurous spirit was made on me when, on the eve of my Coronation, I received the tremendous news that one of your sons had climbed to the summit of the highest mountain in the world.

I feel most deeply the significance of your remarks, Mr. Prime Minister, about the Commonwealth, and its part in world affairs. I too am certain that it is one of the great forces for good in the world, and that the arduous times in which we are living are a challenge to us to exert that beneficent influence with telling effect. With a sense of our inter-dependence, which I believe is shared by every member of the Commonwealth, we shall fulfil our destiny and throw our full weight into the scale on the side of peace and freedom.

Upon me has been laid the heavy responsibility of presiding, as their Head, over the fortunes and destinies of this great association of nations and peoples. It is a grave task, and I am as well aware of the duties and responsibilities it entails as I am of the immense trust which my people repose in me. My husband and I are dedicated to your service, and with God's help we are resolved to devote our lives and energy to the advancement of our people throughout the Commonwealth.

This is a rich and lovely land. I have felt that New Zealand is crossing the threshold of a great era and that in the years ahead she will go steadily forward to new heights of achievement. Such are my heartfelt thoughts and prayers. May you continue to seize the opportunities which here have been so richly bestowed; and may you never fail in your determination to seek the paths of peace and progress to which your steps are already turned; so that the generations to come will honour your names and this nation, and the British people which gave it birth.

11th January 1954.

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In the last five weeks, we have made a journey through New Zealand, the memory of which my husband and I shall cherish in our hearts and minds forever. You welcomed us in such a way that everywhere we have felt at home, surrounded by kindness and warm affection.

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We take away with us the impression of a very happy country; and a most beautiful one. We shall remember a land aglow with all the lovely colours of summer; a country of green pastures, noble rivers, and the majesty of high mountains. We shall remember, as a symbol, how the native ferns and bush stand side by side with the familiar trees of Home. We shall remember the clear air, the colour of the hills and the ever-present magic of the sea.

We have also other impressions, equally vivid and lasting, of the progress wrought in this country within a short span of time, and the brilliant promise of high achievement in the years to come. Your energy and efforts are carrying New Zealand forward to great developments, the effect of which will, I know, be felt not only here, but well beyond these shores. It is an inspiration to me to reflect, as I pursue my own task, that the fortunes of the Commonwealth are in such hands as yours.



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Upon me has been laid the heavy responsibility of presiding, as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth, over the fortunes of this great association of nations and peoples. It is a grave task, for one so young as I am, but <sup>the</sup> knowledge of <sup>the</sup> loyalty and affection of ~~my~~ <sup>these</sup> people, which in New Zealand you have brought so vividly before me, is <sup>indeed</sup> one of the main sources of my strength. My husband and I are dedicated to the service of you all, and with God's help we are resolved to devote our whole lives and efforts to the advancement of our people and the Commonwealth.

This is a rich and lovely land. I have felt that, like the Commonwealth itself, it has entered upon an era of great developments, and that in the years ahead it will go steadily

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Honourable Members of the House of Representatives,

It is with deep emotion that I speak to you, the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand, as your ~~and their~~ Queen, ~~and the Governor-General~~ <sup>the President</sup>

This is the first occasion on which it has been possible for your Sovereign to ~~open in person a session~~ <sup>exercise his high function</sup> ~~in person~~ in New Zealand. I know how much my father, with his ~~own~~ <sup>insistence</sup> devotion to his people, would have valued this historic privilege, of which his ill health so tragically deprived him. My constant prayer is that I may in some measure carry on that ideal of service of which he gave so outstanding an example.

As I stand before you in this assembly, I feel especially conscious of the community of spirit which exists among the Parliaments of our Commonwealth. <sup>Our unique</sup> ~~This~~ <sup>association</sup> ~~of nations and peoples, united in the possession of common~~ ~~Commonwealth, which is the common object of our loyalty, traditions, and ideals,~~ ~~can fairly lay claim to greatness; and~~ I can think of no greatness more worthy of respect than that conceived in the terms of the right of peoples and symbolized by a firm faith in the strength of parliamentary institutions.

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Unhappily the world has not been able to keep pace morally with the rate of its technical progress. This period demands of us all an unremitting effort to broaden our horizons. I am confident that, with that openness of mind to be expected from a new country, my Government and people in New Zealand will continue to contribute worthily towards the lessening of international tensions and the preservation of world peace.

New Zealand, through her steady progress in matters of social welfare and in the development of her agricultural and other industries, has won international esteem. It is my earnest hope and expectation that this progress will continue and bring increased benefits and richness of living to her people.

I wish to express most sincerely my warm appreciation for the arrangements which my Ministers have made for me to travel extensively and to meet my subjects in this country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon your counsels.

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... Sustained by the affection & loyalty of your peoples, we hope also that your Majesty, with the support & assistance of His Royal Highness, may long reign over us as Queen & Head of the Commonwealth.



To Her Most Excellent Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of the ~~Parliament~~ and people of New Zealand Your Majesty's Ministers humbly extend to you, their beloved Queen, and to your Royal Highness a most sincere and cordial welcome. We wish Your Majesty to know of the gratitude felt by all your loyal subjects in this country at your gracious decision to visit this, the most distant of your realms, and to undertake <sup>so</sup> ~~an~~ arduous programme of travel in New Zealand. It is our hope that <sup>your</sup> ~~this~~ visit will be as enjoyable and memorable for you as it will be unforgettable for your New Zealand subjects.

In passing through New Zealand Your Majesty will, we are confident, be left in no doubt of the loyalty which the people of New Zealand bear towards you. That loyalty is the sum of many elements - of admiration for your Majesty's charm and grace and for all that you have done in the performance of your exacting duties; of respect for the Royal Family to which you belong; and of pride in our partnership with the people of the United Kingdom and of the other countries of the British Commonwealth over which Your Majesty presides.

It is our earnest desire and ~~our~~ belief that, strengthened by such opportunities as this ~~visit~~ <sup>visit</sup> for demonstrating the loyalty of Your Majesty's subjects, and inspired by your leadership, the Commonwealth will prove ~~to~~ <sup>its</sup> ability always to stand united. Your Majesty's New Zealand subjects and the loyal peoples of the New Zealand Island Territories hope that from this visit Your Majesty may gain complete assurance of our devotion, ~~and~~ affection. We hope ~~that~~ <sup>that it will be</sup> strengthened by that assurance, ~~upon which Your Majesty can rely now and in the years to come~~ and assisted always by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh ~~the other members of the Royal Family, you may long reign over us.~~

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From: THE TIMES, Monday, November 12 1951

PRINCESS ELIZABETH FAREWELL BROADCAST

NEWFOUNDLAND 11/11/'51

For five weeks we have travelled through this vast and splendid land of Canada, and now we have come once more to the Atlantic. To-morrow we shall sail for England, and the moment has come when I must say "goodbye for a time and thank you." It is not easy for me to say either of these things. It is not easy to say goodbye because, although I am going to a country which is my first home, and although I am happy to be returning to my family and my children, I am also leaving a country which has become a second home in every sense. Wherever we have been throughout the 10 provinces, in your great cities, in your towns, in your villages, and, indeed, in almost every mile that we have travelled through fields, forests, prairies, and mountains, we have been welcomed with a warmth of heart that has made us feel how truly we belong to Canada.

Nor is it easy to say "Thank you," because no words of mine can express what I would like to tell you. We have seen and heard so much that has moved our imaginations and touched our hearts. We shall take with us memories that will always draw us back to this country, the towering buildings of your big cities, and the charm of your smaller communities, the blue skies and golden colours of autumn - or "the fall," as I have now learned to call it - and the trees and fields beneath the first snow of winter - all the beauty and majesty of Canada.

I thank you for showing me these things, and I am grateful for the glimpse you have given me of the greatness of this nation and the even greater future which is within its grasp. I have seen this future in the eyes of hundreds of thousands of your children and have heard it in their voices. For as long as I live I shall remember and cherish fondly the greetings which came to us each day from those young people. I pray that their lot in this land will always continue to be a happy one.

DEEPER MEANING.

I am well aware that the acclaim you have given us, which has often seemed to me to have the breadth and immensity of the sea, has had a far deeper meaning in it than a personal welcome, and this has often made me think of the words spoken by the Governor General in Ottawa during the first days of our visit. He said then that the link with the Crown was a thing of real and tangible strength and one of the most important factors in uniting the people of the Commonwealth into one great brotherhood. You have shown me the reality of this, and I thank you for it. Destiny has given me the great privilege of being able to live my life for the service of that brotherhood. In these five weeks you have given me a new strength and inspiration which I know will always help me in the future. For that I am deeply grateful, and say, not goodbye, but au revoir.

22 December 1953

Dear Ken,

We have had the speech retyped to include three additional paragraphs towards the end. These paragraphs cover the reference to the Maoris, the Islands people and the amendment to the Judicature Act. The paragraphs have been inserted at the only possible places.

Mr Webb, whom I consulted about the amendment, suggested some slight verbal alterations in the old penultimate paragraph. For "warm appreciation for the arrangements which my Ministers have made", he suggests "warm appreciation of the arrangements which have been made". He suggests the omission of the phrase "my Ministers" for reasons of tact, and he thinks the phrase "appreciation of" is better than "appreciation for". These amendments have been made in the revised copy.

In order to make Mr Webb's paragraph fit in more appropriately with the style of the speech as a whole, we have made some slight alterations in the wording. If the Prime Minister prefers Mr Webb's draft you will find it attached to this note.

I should point out that we have considered it advisable to use the formula "my Ministers, etc." in this context in order to indicate that the legislation originates with the Government and not with the Crown. This is in accordance with traditional practice in speeches from the Throne.

Yours sincerely,

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Speech notes.

K.M. Sleight Esq., C.B.E.,  
Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister,  
Grand Hotel,  
AUCKLAND.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, WELLINGTON

Honourable Members of the House of Representatives,

It is with deep feeling that I speak to you, the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand, as your Queen, and that I exercise the prerogative of opening the fourth session of this thirtieth Parliament.

This is the first occasion on which it has been possible for your Sovereign to exercise this high function in person in New Zealand. I know how much my Father, with his intense devotion to his people, would have valued this historic privilege, of which his ill health so tragically deprived him. My constant prayer is that I may, in some measure, carry on that ideal of service of which he gave so outstanding an example.

In taking my place in this Assembly, I feel especially conscious of the community of spirit which exists among the Parliaments of our Commonwealth. Our association of nations and peoples, united in the possession of common traditions and ideals, can fairly lay claim to greatness; and I can think of no greatness more worthy of respect than that symbolized by a firm faith in the strength of parliamentary institutions and the rights of man.

A hundred years ago, when the people of New Zealand gained for themselves the right of responsible self-government, it would have required a prophetic imagination to have foreseen the possibility of the present occasion. But in these hundred years New Zealand has grown to be a sovereign and mature State, while the ocean surrounding these bountiful islands has become a main highway in a world which has itself been transformed. I welcome the ease with which, in these times, it is possible to travel from one part of the Commonwealth to another. It will always be my endeavour to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by our age to enter with ever closer sympathy and understanding into the problems and aspirations of my Government and people in New Zealand.

Though the world is making such rapid technical progress it has not - unhappily - been able to keep pace in the study and practice of the arts of peace. Nevertheless I am confident that, with that openness of mind to be expected from a new country, my Government and people in New Zealand will continue to contribute worthily towards the lessening of international tensions and the preservation of concord amongst the nations.

In the firm partnership of European and Maori peoples, for which New Zealand is justly renowned, you have set a high example. I have been deeply moved by the fervent expressions of loyalty and enthusiasm conveyed to me by the Maori people, for whom I cherish the highest respect and affection; and I am proud to see how my subjects of both races in this country are moving forward in unity together, each determined to make their full contribution to the progress and advancement of New Zealand.

I am also proud of the way in which my Government and people of New Zealand are discharging their trust in promoting the well-being of the peoples of the Pacific islands under their administration. I regret that it was not possible for me on this journey to visit these Island Territories; but their people know that I have the closest interest in their welfare and they are assured of my wholehearted affection.

New Zealand, through her steady progress in matters of social welfare and in the development of her agricultural and other industries, has won international esteem. It is my earnest hope and expectation that this progress will continue, and bring increased benefits and prosperity to her people.

My Ministers have deemed it advisable to introduce at this session of Parliament a Bill to amend the Judicature Act. This amendment, by providing for an alteration in the constitution of the two divisions of the Court of Appeal, will make for greater efficiency in the despatch of Court business.

The passage of this measure at the present Session of Parliament will enable it to be brought into effect in time for the first sittings of the Court of Appeal in the current year.

I wish to express most sincerely my warm appreciation of the arrangements which have been made for me to travel extensively and to meet my subjects in this country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon your counsels.

12th January 1954.

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It is with deep emotion that I speak to you, the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand, as your Queen, and that I exercise the prerogative of opening the fourth session of this thirtieth Parliament.

I am profoundly sensible of the fact that this is the first occasion on which it has been possible for your Sovereign to exercise this high function in person in New Zealand. I know how much my father, with his intense devotion to his people, would have valued this historic privilege, of which his ill health so tragically deprived him. My constant prayer is that I may, in some measure, carry on that ideal of service of which he gave so outstanding an example.

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Unhappily the world has not been able to keep pace morally with the rate of its technical progress. This period demands of us all an unremitting effort to broaden our horizons. I am confident that, with that openness of mind to be expected from a new country, my Government and people in New Zealand will continue to contribute worthily towards the lessening of international tensions and the preservation of world peace.



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Princess of Wales and Head of the Commonwealth.

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In passing through New Zealand Your Majesty will, we are confident, be left in no doubt of the deep loyalty and affection which the people of New Zealand bear towards you. That loyalty is the sum of many elements - of admiration for Your Majesty's charm and grace and for all that you have done in the performance of your exacting duties; of respect for the Royal Family to which you belong; and of pride in our partnership with the people of the United Kingdom and of the other countries of the British Commonwealth over which Your Majesty reigns.

It is our earnest desire and belief that, strengthened by such opportunities as this for demonstrating the loyalty of Your Majesty's subjects, and inspired by your leadership, the Commonwealth will prove its ability always to stand united. Your Majesty's New Zealand subjects and the loyal peoples of the New Zealand Island Territories trust that from this visit Your Majesty may gain complete assurance of our devotion. We hope that you may be strengthened by that assurance, upon which Your Majesty can rely now and in the years to come. Sustained by the affection and loyalty of your peoples, we hope also that Your Majesty, with the support and assistance of His Royal Highness, may long

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Your Excellency and Mr Prime Minister.

The declaration you have just made and the warmth and sincerity of your welcome to us today have confirmed what I have always believed - that the loyal feelings of the people of New Zealand remain undiminished by distance and the passage of time.

Though this is my first visit to New Zealand, I have the impression that I know it well and I know that here I shall feel at home. My parents spoke often of the kindness and boundless hospitality shown them when they visited this country over twenty-five years ago and for a long time past I have hoped for the opportunity to come here myself.

There is a measure of sadness in the circumstances which surround my visit. My father would have come here in 1939 had it not been for the outbreak of war, and he was prevented again from coming by his illness in 1948.

I have inherited the duties and responsibilities which he bore with such courage and I am heartened by the fact that I have also inherited the loyalty of his peoples all over the world. I shall always endeavour to retain and deserve that loyalty.

I have been deeply affected today by your expression of hope that our visit may serve to strengthen the ties which bind the countries of the British Commonwealth and that I may draw strength for the performance of my duties from the devotion of my subjects in New Zealand. I share that hope with all my heart and I thank you and the people of New Zealand for giving it to me.

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The warmth of the welcome we have everywhere received since our arrival in New Zealand has filled our hearts with joy and pride. We shall so remember it for the rest of our days. Wherever we have travelled in this beautiful country, we have been greeted with spontaneous enthusiasm and affection. We have truly been made to feel at home. I know that this, which is one of the strongest impressions I have formed here, will provide a continuing source of inspiration to me in the days to come.

In what we have so far seen of New Zealand, both my husband and I have also been deeply impressed by the way in which, with the aid of science and technical skill, the country's manifold natural resources are being developed. Although we knew well of the scope and advancement of New Zealand industry, both primary and secondary, and of your great development projects, nevertheless, the experience of seeing these things ourselves for the first time has surpassed all our expectations.

The progress which has been achieved in the comparatively short span of New Zealand's history bears witness to the vigour, courage and self-reliance of the New Zealand people. It stands also as a living monument to your forefathers, and the pioneers, whose labours opened up this new land, and who, in their day, built the foundations of its greatness. Let us pay tribute to their works, which are our heritage and inspiration.

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Upon me has been laid the heavy responsibility of presiding, as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth, over the fortunes and destinies of this great association of nations and peoples. It is a grave task, and I am as deeply conscious of the duties and responsibilities it imposes as I am of the immense trust which my people repose in me. The knowledge of their loyalty and affection, which in New Zealand you have brought so vividly before me, is indeed one of the main sources of my strength. My husband and I are dedicated to the service of you all, and with God's help we are resolved to devote our whole lives and

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
WELLINGTON.

5 January 1954

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
WELLINGTON.

22 December 1953

Dear Ken,

We have had the speech retyped to include three additional paragraphs towards the end. These paragraphs cover the reference to the Maoris, the Islands people and the amendment to the Judicature Act. The paragraphs have been inserted at the only possible places.

Mr Webb, whom I consulted about the amendments, suggested some slight verbal alterations in the old penultimate paragraph. For "warm appreciation for the arrangements which my Ministers have made", he suggests "warm appreciation of the arrangements which have been made". *in this connection* He suggests the omission of the phrase "my Ministers" for reasons of tact, and he thinks the phrase "appreciation of" is better than "appreciation for". These amendments have been made in the revised copy.

In order to make Mr Webb's paragraph fit in more appropriately with the style of the speech as a whole, we have made some slight alterations in the wording. If the Prime Minister prefers Mr Webb's draft you will find it attached to this note.

I should point out that we have considered it advisable to use the formula "my Ministers, etc." in this context in order to indicate that the legislation originates with the Government and not with the Crown. This is in accordance with traditional practice in speeches from the Throne.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.

Speech notes.

K.M. Sleight Esq., C.B.E.,  
Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister,  
Grand Hotel,  
AUCKLAND.

*[Handwritten signature]*



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Mr. Webb: draft as given

to me

adml.

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17 December 1953

My dear High Commissioner,

Thank you for your letter of 19 November.

I was very interested to hear that Sir John Harding had found his visit to New Zealand so pleasant. We were certainly impressed with him and I think derived considerable value from our discussions.

You were quite right in cabling "Truth". I must say that I am quite unable to fathom the report that they published.

Out of scope

Copy on 32/5/32

Your former Secretary, Richard Taylor, is back in New Zealand and it is our intention to get him into my office to assist Ken Sleight. On account of the Royal Tour, there does not seem to be any point in making this arrangement until the end of January. Meanwhile, McIntosh is using Taylor's services in External Affairs.

It so happens that the Royal Tour arrangements are being handled by the existing staff and I doubt if it will be necessary to call on Richard Taylor's services in this connection.

I hope your health continues to improve.

Kind regards to Lady Doidge and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) S. G. HOLLAND



His Excellency  
Sir Frederick Doidge, K.C.M.G.,  
High Commissioner for New Zealand,  
LONDON.

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17th December, 1953.

MEMORANDUM for

The Attorney-General

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Referring to your memorandum of 15th December about the Court of Appeal, I entirely agree with your proposal.

Would you please undertake the necessary arrangements. These will necessitate the drafting of the Bill; an appropriate addition to the Queen's Speech, about which I would be glad if you would see Mr. McIntosh; some probable amendments to the schedule of events surrounding the special Session, which is being prepared by Mr. Speaker; contact with Mr. Harper of the Royal Tour Office; the provision of a Message from Her Majesty introducing the Bill; the necessary steps to have the legislation passed through all its stages; the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition that the Bill will not be held up; the Royal Assent ; etc. etc.

MR. MCINTOSH

HON MR SPEAKER

MR HARPER

Referred.

*MAA*

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S.S. GOTHIC,

At sea, Panama-Fiji.

7th December 1953.

My dear *Sleight*.

As you probably know the New Zealand Government has provided us with drafts for all the Addresses, which The Queen will make while she is in New Zealand, and Her Majesty has been working on these while crossing the Pacific.

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*Michael Aikman*

K.M. Sleight Esq.

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NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
415, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.2.

19 November 1953.

REPLY DATED

17.12.53

My dear Prime Minister,

On Friday I had a visit from Sir John Harding. The purpose of the Field Marshal's call was to express appreciation of your hospitality. His visit to this Office, intended as a courtesy call, lasted forty minutes. Sir John's admiration for New Zealand and its people is boundless, and he is deeply grateful for the manner in which he was received. I may add that one of his happiest memories seems to be of the private luncheon with you and Members of the Cabinet in your room.

I am a little puzzled by recent cables from you concerning a story published by "Truth" concerning the Queen's broadcast. I sent a message to Webber - and a copy to you - under the impression that that would be your wish. But we do not see "Truth" in this Office, and I am at a loss to know what it was all about. My only concern is that I should have done the right thing in cabling Webber.

Out of scope

You will be glad when the Session ends. I trust you are arranging for a short rest before the Queen arrives.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. S. G. Holland, C.H.,  
M.P.,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand.

*Thos. Dudge*

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DRAFT SPEECH BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AT  
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I am profoundly sensible of the fact that this is the first occasion on which it has been possible for your Sovereign to exercise this high function in person in New Zealand. I know how much my father, with his intense devotion to his people, would have valued this historic privilege, of which his ill health so tragically deprived him. My constant prayer is that I may, in some measure, carry on that ideal of service of which he gave so outstanding an example.

In taking my place in this Assembly, I feel especially conscious of the community of spirit which exists among the Parliaments of our Commonwealth. Our unique association of nations and peoples, united in the possession of common traditions and ideals, can fairly lay claim to greatness; and I can think of no greatness more worthy of respect than that conceived in the terms of the right of peoples and symbolized by a firm faith in the strength of parliamentary institutions.

A hundred years ago, when the people of New Zealand gained for themselves the right of responsible self-government, it would have required a prophetic imagination to have foreseen the possibility of the present occasion. But in these hundred years New Zealand has attained the maturity of full statehood, while the ocean surrounding these bountiful islands has become a main highway in a world which has itself been transformed. I welcome the shrinkage of the world, which makes possible the present closeness in personal relations within the Commonwealth. It will always be my endeavour to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by our age to enter with ever closer sympathy and

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understanding into the problems and aspirations of my Government and people in New Zealand.

Unhappily the world has not been able to keep pace morally with the rate of its technical progress. This period demands of us all an unremitting effort to broaden our horizons. I am confident that, with that openness of mind to be expected from a new country, my Government and people in New Zealand will continue to contribute worthily towards the lessening of international tensions and the preservation of world peace.

New Zealand, through her steady progress in matters of social welfare and in the development of her agricultural and other industries, has won international esteem. It is my earnest hope and expectation that this progress will continue, and bring increased benefits and richness of living to her people.

I wish to express most sincerely my warm appreciation for the arrangements which my Ministers have made for me to travel extensively and to meet my subjects in this country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon your counsels.

DRAFT REPLY BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
TO ADDRESS IN REPLY

I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to my Speech at the opening of the Fourth Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of New Zealand. I thank you for your expressions of loyalty and affection by which I am deeply moved, and for your assurance that the matters to which I referred will receive your consideration.

Approved by P.M.

Despatched to Mr O'Dea, Royal Tan Sec

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We wish to express our gratification and deep sense of privilege at the honour which Your Majesty has bestowed upon us in opening this session of the thirtieth Parliament. Your Majesty is assured that we recognize this as an occasion of profound significance in the history of New Zealand.

We rejoice in Your Majesty's visit to our country, and more especially for the opportunity it gives to us, the representatives of the people, in Parliament of paying our loyal homage and heartfelt devotion to Your Majesty in person. We trust that your journey through New Zealand, which is of such rare significance and consuming interest to us, will also prove both agreeable and interesting to Your Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

We affirm our deep and abiding loyalty to Your Majesty, and pray that Your Reign may be a long and happy one, marked by peaceful progress and high achievement.

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## INWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM: High Commissioner for New Zealand, London  
TO: Minister of External Affairs, Wellington, No.1295  
DATED: 10 November 1953 R. 11 November 1953  
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No.1295.

Following for Prime Minister from Doidge.

Your No.1196.

I have cabled Webber my personal assurance New Zealand House has never at any time made any approach to Buckingham Palace re Her Majesty's broadcast.

(Signed) DEPUTY

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Prime Minister  
Chief Private Secretary  
Prime Minister's Dept.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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10 November 1953

MEMORANDUM for:The Secretary for Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, C.I.

I enclose three copies each of speeches and addresses you requested for the Royal Tour. These are -

The Address of Welcome and  
The Draft Reply,  
The Prime Minister's speech on the occasion  
of the lunch and  
Her Majesty's Draft Reply,  
The Draft speech for the Opening of Parliament,  
The draft Farewell Address by the Queen.

The Prime Minister's speech on the occasion of the luncheon is Mr Holland's own draft and he may, perhaps, alter it somewhat, but I should think its general tenor will remain the same.

It is my understanding that the Internal Affairs Department is taking all necessary action to ensure that these drafts reach the Queen's party before they leave the United Kingdom and that you are also taking whatever steps are necessary to place the drafts before Her Majesty in New Zealand.

I also understand that your Department is taking in hand the engrossing of the Government's message of welcome and the provision of a suitable casket for its presentation.

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Drafts for  
Royal Tour  
as listed  
above.



(Sgt. J. A. HARRISON)

Permanent Head.

DRAFT REPLY BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Your Excellency and Mr Prime Minister,

The declaration you have just made and the warmth and sincerity of your welcome to us today have confirmed what I have always believed - that the loyal feelings of the people of New Zealand remain undiminished by distance and the passage of time.

Though this is my first visit to New Zealand, I have the impression that I know it well and I know that here I shall feel at home. My parents spoke often of the kindness and boundless hospitality shown them when they visited this country over twenty-five years ago and for a long time past I have hoped for the opportunity to come here myself.

There is a measure of sadness in the circumstances which surround my visit. My father would have come here in 1939 had it not been for the outbreak of war, and he was prevented again from coming by his illness in 1948.

I have inherited the duties and responsibilities which he bore with such courage and I am heartened by the fact that I have also inherited the loyalty of his people all over the world. I shall always endeavour to retain and deserve that loyalty.

I have been deeply affected today by your expression of hope that our visit may serve to strengthen the ties which bind the countries of the British Commonwealth and that I may draw strength for the performance of my duties from the devotion of my subjects in New Zealand. I share that hope with all my heart and I thank you and the people of New Zealand for giving it to me.

ALBERT R. ALLEN

Composed  
by T.C.L.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand Your Majesty's Ministers humbly extend to you, their beloved Queen, and to Your Royal Highness a most sincere and heartfelt welcome. We wish Your Majesty to know of the gratitude felt by all your loyal subjects in this country at Your Majesty's gracious decision to visit this the most distant of your realms, and to undertake so arduous a programme of travel in New Zealand. It is our hope that this journey will be as enjoyable and memorable for Your Majesty as it will be unforgettable for your New Zealand subjects.

In passing through New Zealand Your Majesty will, we are confident, be left in no doubt of the deep loyalty and affection which the people of New Zealand bear towards you. That loyalty is the sum of many elements - of admiration for Your Majesty's charm and grace and for all that you have done in the performance of your exacting duties; of respect for the Royal Family to which you belong; and of pride in our partnership with the people of the United Kingdom and of the other countries of the British Commonwealth and Empire over which Your Majesty reigns.

It is our earnest desire and belief that, strengthened by such opportunities as this for demonstrating the loyalty of Your Majesty's subjects, and inspired by your leadership and example, the Commonwealth will prove its ability always to stand united. Your Majesty's New Zealand subjects and the loyal peoples of the New Zealand Island Territories trust that from this visit Your Majesty may gain complete assurance of our devotion. We hope that you may be strengthened by that assurance, upon which Your Majesty can rely now and in the years to come. Sustained by the affection and loyalty of your peoples, we hope also that Your Majesty, with the support and assistance of His Royal Highness, may long reign over us as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth.

DRAFT REPLY BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
AT STATE LUNCHEON

On behalf of my husband and myself, I thank you all for the moving way in which you honoured this toast. I am also deeply grateful to the Prime Minister, and to the Leader of the Opposition, for their heartening words of welcome and allegiance. I am deeply touched by their kind references to my late beloved father, His Majesty King George VI, and to the Queen Mother and other members of the Royal Family.

The warmth of the welcome we have everywhere received since our arrival in New Zealand has filled our hearts with joy and pride. We shall so remember it for the rest of our days. Wherever we have travelled in this beautiful country, we have been greeted with spontaneous enthusiasm and affection. We have truly been made to feel at home. I know that this, which is one of the strongest impressions I have formed here, will provide a continuing source of inspiration to me in the days to come.

In what we have so far seen of New Zealand, both my husband and I have also been deeply impressed by the way in which, with the aid of science and technical skill, the country's manifold natural resources are being developed. Although we knew well of the scope and advancement of New Zealand industry, both primary and secondary, and of your great development projects, nevertheless, the experience of seeing these things ourselves for the first time has surpassed all our expectations.

The progress which has been achieved in the comparatively short span of New Zealand's history bears witness to the vigour, courage and self-reliance of the New Zealand people. It stands also as a living monument to your forefathers, and the pioneers, whose labours opened up this new land, and who,

in their day, built the foundations of its greatness.  
Let us pay tribute to their works, which are our heritage  
and inspiration.

I am sustained in my task by the knowledge that  
in this loyal country of our great Commonwealth the  
spirit of enterprise and endeavour shines forth as  
brightly as ever it did in those earlier times. I know  
from what I have seen that by their efforts the people  
of New Zealand are making a contribution to the welfare  
of our Commonwealth which is unsurpassed. The most vivid  
impression of this forward spirit was made on me when,  
on the eve of my Coronation, I received the thrilling  
news that one of your sons had climbed to the summit of  
the highest mountain in the world.

I feel most deeply the force of your remarks,  
Mr Prime Minister, about the Commonwealth, and its part  
in world affairs. I too am certain that it is one of  
the great forces for good in the world, and that the  
arduous and difficult time in which we are living present  
a challenging opportunity for us to exert an beneficent  
influence with telling effect. With a full sense of our  
interdependence, which I believe is shared by every  
member of the Commonwealth, we shall meet the challenge,  
and contribute, as we have done over the centuries, to  
the maintenance of peace and freedom.

Upon me has been laid the heavy responsibility of  
presiding, as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth, over  
the fortunes and destinies of this great association of  
nations and peoples. It is a grave task, and I am as  
deeply conscious of the duties and responsibilities it  
imposes on me of the immense trust which my people repose  
in me. The knowledge of their loyalty and affection, which  
in New Zealand you have brought so vividly before me, is  
indeed one of the main sources of my strength. My husband

and I are dedicated to the service of you all, and with God's help we are resolved to devote our whole lives and efforts to the advancement of our people and the Commonwealth.

This is a rich and lovely land. I have felt that, like the Commonwealth itself, it has entered upon an era of great developments, and that in the years ahead it will go steadily forward to new, unsurpassed heights of achievement. I pray that this will be so, and for my part I will do whatever lies within my power to make it so. My message is that you will continue to seize the opportunities which here have been so richly bestowed; and that you will never diminish your determination to move onwards to the goals of peace and progress, which even now lie within your reach; so that the generations to come will, in their turn, honour your names and this nation, and the British people which gave it birth.

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM  
TO THE PARLIAMENT

In the last five weeks, we have made a journey through New Zealand, the memory of which my husband and I shall cherish in our hearts and minds forever. You welcomed us in such a way that everywhere we have felt at home, surrounded by kindness and warm affection.

Now the time has come for us to say goodbye, which we do with the sadness that attends all partings from those who are dear to us. It is tempered by the hope that we shall be able to return to New Zealand, and by our knowledge that though our Mother Country is far from these shores, we stand together in the brotherhood of one family, and are united in spirit.

We take away with us the impression of a very happy country; and a most beautiful one. We shall remember a land aglow with all the lovely colours of summer; a country of green pastures, noble rivers, and the majesty of high mountains. We shall remember, as a symbol, how the native ferns and bush stand side by side with the familiar trees of Home. We shall remember the clear air, the colour of the hills and the ever-present magic of the sea.

We have also other impressions, equally vivid and lasting, of the progress wrought in this country within a short span of time, and the brilliant promise of high achievement in the years to come. Your energy and efforts are carrying New Zealand forward to great developments, the effect of which will, I know, be felt not only here, but well beyond these shores. It is an inspiration to me to reflect, as I pursue my own task, that the fortunes of the Commonwealth are in such hands as yours.

You have shown us most vividly in these five weeks how firm and strong are the bonds which draw us together in our great Fellowship of Nations. You have shown us also a most sincere loyalty and affection, for which I



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thank you from a full heart. These things sustain us as we fulfil the pledge we have given to devote our lives to your service. We shall give our utmost to that service, and to be worthy of your trust. God bless you all.

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PM's own draft for speech at  
State Reception

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It would be an understatement to say that we have for a very long time looked forward to this great and stimulating experience, when the loyalty, affection and enthusiasm of our people finds some outward expression; when our people, who have for so long had to content themselves with pictures and photographs, and with news and reading, now have the chance to meet their Queen, to see her, to cheer her, and to express their love and affection for her whom they serve with such devotion, and to catch that breath of inspiration and encouragement which flows between our Sovereign and Her people.

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reign and the later announcement that the present visit was to take place, to this most loyal part of your widespread dominions.

Our Commonwealth is spread around the world, a great and enduring influence for good. The greatest days of this Commonwealth lie ahead of us. Our resources are inexhaustible; and, given peace, we can achieve much for the advantage of mankind.

Let us pray and bend every effort to ensure that our objective is attained during your reign.

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It is the desire of every person in this country that I should ask you to convey to the Queen Mother a message of love, loyalty and affection.

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In this Empire of ours we have a unique association of States with an extraordinary range and diversity, in addition to which we have the centuries old wisdom of Great Britain and her incomparable tradition and experience in the conduct of world affairs. This store of experience is freely available to all members of our Commonwealth, and, indeed, to the world.

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It seems appropriate that this welcome should be extended in, what is to us, a building of much historic significance, for it has been in these buildings that for eighty-seven years the laws of our land have been enacted. The laws under which successive Governments have striven to advance the welfare of our country, the unity and happiness of our people and the British way of life.

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It is the desire of every person in this country that I should ask you to convey to the Queen Mother a message of love, loyalty and affection.

We recall with pride and gratitude her own visit to these shores and her services as Queen, especially during the dreadful war period when forsaking all thoughts of self or safety she gave such inspiration and encouragement to millions of people.

Another special message I would humbly ask you to bear - to your own lovely children, for whom we entertain the warmest feelings of affection, and to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret.

Please, Your Majesty, be assured that if it should ever be your pleasure that they should come to our country they would receive a welcome no less enthusiastic, no less spontaneous, and no less loyal than the welcome we extend to you today.

The Royal Visits we have already had and are having achieve lasting good in the cause of Empire, especially in this the most distant of your Dominions.

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From personal contacts between our Sovereign and the members of the Commonwealth great good will flow, for I am convinced that we have entered a period of history in which we have the capacity to exercise a most significant, even a decisive, role in international affairs, and all events which reinforce the Commonwealth association will play their part in strengthening that influence.

In this Empire of ours we have a unique association of States with an extraordinary range and diversity, in addition to which we have the centuries old wisdom of Great Britain and her incomparable tradition and experience in the conduct of world affairs. This store of experience is freely available to all members of our Commonwealth, and, indeed, to the world.



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It seems appropriate that this welcome should be extended in, what is to us, a building of much historic significance, for it has been in these buildings that for eighty-seven years the laws of our land have been enacted. The laws under which successive Governments have striven to advance the welfare of our country, the unity and happiness of our people and the British way of life.

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As in war so in times of peace our two peoples live and work together happily and peacefully. We have been careful together to ensure - though we strive for common understanding and unity - that we retain those unique and splendid qualities of custom, tradition and history that characterize our Maori people.

All down these years of growth and development we have drawn inspiration, strength and encouragement from the example of those stalwart British pioneers who, by selfless devotion to a cause and disregard of selfish interests, laid the very foundations upon which our present structure is being built.

We are all striving to make the visible superstructure of the sturdy and unseen foundations upon which it rests worthy of the people who put them in place. Britain, from which the majority of our people have sprung, gave us those pioneers whom we honour today.

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6th November 1953.

It is with a keen sense of privilege that I rise to extend to Your Majesty - Our Queen - and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh a most cordial welcome to our country - to your country - on behalf of all our people, both European and Maori. It is a time of high rejoicing for us and of heartfelt devotion, and one that will live resplendent in the memories of all of us.

It would be ~~something of~~ an understatement to say that we have for a very long time looked forward to this great and stimulating experience, when the loyalty, affection and enthusiasm of our people finds some outward expression; <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~ our people, who have for so long had to content themselves with pictures and photographs, and with news and reading, now have the chance to meet their Queen, to see her, to cheer her, and to express their love and affection for her whom they serve with such devotion, and to catch that breath of inspiration and encouragement which flows between our Sovereign and Her people.

Disappointed as we have been because of previous unavoidable delays, our pleasure is all the greater because the <sup>2</sup>days of disappointment and delay are over and you are actually here, and we are with you.

We looked forward first to the visit of your revered and beloved parents, Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth, and then when His late Majesty's illness prevented that, our hearts were turned in glad expectation to the prospect of your own visit. Then intervened the sad events which prevented the fulfilment of those plans, which are fresh in our minds and which will remain so for King George's memory is ever green. This great sorrow which overtook our Empire, our Commonwealth, and, indeed many parts of the world was relieved by your own accession and reign and the later announcement that the present visit was to take place, to this most loyal part of your widespread dominions.

Our Commonwealth is spread around the world, a great and enduring influence for good in the world. The greatest days of this Commonwealth lie ahead of us. Our resources are inexhaustible; and, given peace, we can achieve much for the advantage of mankind.

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A little more than a hundred years ago, in the terms of a Treaty signed by the Maori people and the representatives of Queen Victoria the Union Jack was hoisted as a sign of British Sovereignty. with all its implied benefits and protection. Since that time our country has progressed and is still growing. All you will see around you has been achieved in a little more than a hundred years. People <sup>still</sup> living recall the New Zealand in its native state.

Those typical British qualities of adventure and enterprise that made Britain the great power for good she has been in the world down the ages, live in this ~~country~~ today and so long as we adhere to those qualities so long will we prosper and grow.

DRAFT ADDRESS IN REPLY

10-11-53

May it Please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Majesty for the Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to the House of Representatives.

We wish to express our gratification and deep sense of privilege at the honour which Your Majesty has bestowed upon us in opening this session of the thirtieth Parliament. Your Majesty is assured that we recognize this as an occasion of profound significance in the history of New Zealand.

We rejoice in Your Majesty's visit to our country, which has given us the opportunity of paying our loyal homage and heartfelt devotion to Your Majesty in person. We hope that Your Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will find your journey through New Zealand both agreeable and interesting.

We affirm our deep loyalty to Your Majesty, and pray that Your Reign may be a long and happy one, marked by peaceful progress and high achievement.

In assuring Your Majesty that our most earnest consideration will be given to the several matters referred to in Your Gracious Speech we join with Your Majesty in praying for Divine Guidance in all our deliberations.

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(Signed) EXTERNAL

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Prime Minister  
Chief Private Secretary —  
Prime Minister's Department

9.11.53

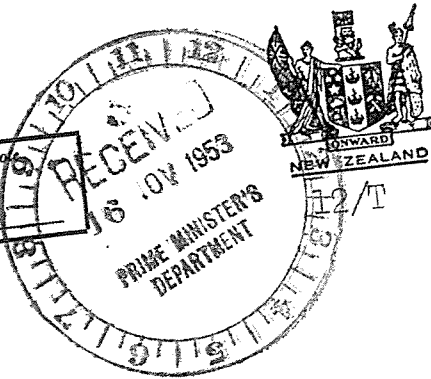
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Telegraphic and Cable Address :  
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Correspondence to be addressed—

"Secretary,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
P.O. Box 8007, Government Buildings,  
Wellington C.I."

In replying, please quote  
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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

P.O. BOX 8007, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

WELLINGTON C.I.

9th November, 1953.

MEMORANDUM for :-

The Permanent Head,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
WELLINGTON.

(Your reference P.M. 151/12/27)

Thank you for your memorandum of the 10th November and the draft copies of the Address of Welcome, the proposed reply, and various other speeches. I have noted your comments regarding the Prime Minister's speech. I presume that, in due course, you will let me have a draft of the supporting remarks which the Leader of the Opposition will make on the occasion of the State Luncheon.

I would like to confirm that this Department is taking all necessary action to ensure that these drafts reach The Queen's party before they leave the United Kingdom, and that it will also be responsible for any subsequent action on them after The Queen reaches New Zealand.

I would also like to confirm that this Department is arranging for the engrossing of the Government Address of Welcome and the provision of a suitable casket for its presentation.

*A. J. Harper*  
Secretary for Internal Affairs

*Mrs. Collins*

*W. McIntosh*  
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(Signed) J. G. G.

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Minister  
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NOTES FOR QUEEN'S REPLY AT STATE LUNCHEON.

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On behalf of my husband and myself, I thank you all for the moving way in which you honoured this toast. I am also deeply grateful to the Prime Minister, and to the Leader of the Opposition, for their heartening words of welcome and allegiance. I am deeply touched by their kind references to my late beloved father, His Majesty King George VI, and to the Queen Mother and other members of the Royal Family who visited New Zealand in the past.

The warmth of the welcome we have everywhere received since our arrival in New Zealand has filled our hearts with joy and pride. We shall so remember it for the rest of our days. Wherever we have travelled in this beautiful country, we have been greeted with spontaneous enthusiasm and affection. We have truly been made to feel at home. I know that this, which is one of the strongest impressions I have formed here, will provide a continuing source of inspiration to me in the days to come.

In what we have so far seen of New Zealand, both my husband and I have also been deeply impressed by the way in which, with the aid of science and technical skill, the country's manifold natural resources are being developed. Although we knew well of the scope and advancement of New Zealand industry, both primary and secondary, and of your great development projects, nevertheless, the experience of seeing these things ourselves for the first time has surpassed all our expectations.

The progress which has been achieved in the comparatively short span of New Zealand's history bears witness to the vigour, courage and self-reliance of the New Zealand people. It stands also as a living monument to your forefathers, and the pioneers, whose labours opened up this new land, and who, in their day, built the foundations of its greatness. Let us pay tribute to their works, which are our heritage and inspiration.



I am sustained in my task by the knowledge that in this loyal country of our great Commonwealth the spirit of enterprise and endeavour shines forth as brightly as ever it did in those earlier times. I know from what I have seen that by their efforts the people of New Zealand are making a contribution to the welfare of our Commonwealth which is unsurpassed. The most vivid impression of this forward spirit was made on me when, on the eve of my Coronation, I received the thrilling news that one of your sons had climbed to the summit of the highest mountain in the world.

I feel most deeply the force of your remarks, Mr Prime Minister, about the Commonwealth, and its part in world affairs. I too am certain that it is one of the great forces for good in the world, and that the arduous and difficult times in which we are living present a challenging opportunity for us to exert that beneficent influence with telling effect. With a full sense of our interdependence, which I believe is shared by every member of the Commonwealth, we shall meet the challenge, and contribute, as we have done over the centuries, to the maintenance of peace and freedom.

Upon me has been laid the heavy responsibility of presiding, as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth, over the fortunes and destinies of this great association of nations and peoples. It is a grave task, and I am as deeply conscious of the duties and responsibilities it imposes as I am of the immense trust which my people repose in me. The knowledge of their loyalty and affection, which in New Zealand you have brought so vividly before me, is indeed one of the main sources of my strength. My husband and I are dedicated to the service of you all, and with God's help we are resolved to devote our whole lives and  
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efforts to the advancement of our people and the Commonwealth.

This is a rich and lovely land. I have felt that, like the Commonwealth itself, it has entered upon an era of great developments, and that in the years ahead it will go steadily forward to new, unsurpassed heights of achievement. I pray that this will be so, and for my part I will do whatever lies within my power to make it so. My message is that you will continue to seize the opportunities which here have been so richly bestowed; and that you will never diminish your determination to move onwards to the goals of peace and progress, which even now lie within your reach; so that the generations to come will, in their turn, honour your names and this nation, and the British people which gave it birth.

NOTES FOR QUEEN'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

In the last five weeks, we have made a journey through New Zealand, the memory of which my husband and I shall cherish in our hearts and minds forever. You welcomed us in such a way that everywhere we have felt at home, surrounded by kindness and warm affection.

Now the time has come for us to say goodbye, which we do with the sadness that attends all partings from those who are dear to us. It is tempered by the hope that we shall be able to return to New Zealand, and by our knowledge that though our Mother Country is far from these shores, we stand together in the brotherhood of one family, and are united in spirit.

We take away with us the impression of a very happy country; and a most beautiful one. We shall remember a land aglow with all the lovely colours of summer; a country of green pastures, noble rivers, and the majesty of high mountains. We shall remember, as a symbol, how the native ferns and bush stand side by side with the familiar trees of Home. We shall remember the clear air, the colour of the hills and the ever-present magic of the sea.

We have also other impressions, equally vivid and lasting, of the progress wrought in this country within a short span of time, and the brilliant promise of high achievement in the years to come. Your energy and efforts are carrying New Zealand forward to great developments, the effect of which will, I know, be felt not only here, but well beyond these shores. It is an inspiration to me to reflect, as I pursue my own task, that the fortunes of the Commonwealth are in such hands as yours.

You have shown us most vividly in these five weeks how firm and strong are the bonds which draw us together in our great fellowship of nations. You have shown us also a most sincere loyalty and affection, for which I thank you from a full heart. These things sustain us as we fulfil the pledge we have given to devote our lives to your service. We shall give our utmost to that service, and to be worthy of your trust. God bless you all.

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To Her Most Excellent Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand Your Majesty's Ministers humbly extend to you, their beloved Queen, and to Your Royal Highness a most sincere and heartfelt welcome. We wish Your Majesty to know of the gratitude felt by all your loyal subjects in this country at Your Majesty's gracious decision to visit this the most distant of your realms, and to undertake so arduous a programme of travel in New Zealand. It is our hope that this journey will be as enjoyable and memorable for Your Majesty as it will be unforgettable for your New Zealand subjects.

In passing through New Zealand Your Majesty will, we are confident, be left in no doubt of the deep loyalty and affection which the people of New Zealand bear towards you. That loyalty is the sum of many elements - of admiration for Your Majesty's charm and grace and for all that you have done in the performance of your exacting duties; of respect for the Royal Family to which you belong; and of pride in our partnership with the people of the United Kingdom and of the other countries of the British <sup>Empire and</sup> Commonwealth over which Your Majesty reigns.

It is our earnest desire and belief that, strengthened by such opportunities as this for demonstrating the loyalty of Your Majesty's subjects, and inspired by your leadership, <sup>and example</sup> the Commonwealth will prove its ability always to stand united. Your Majesty's New Zealand subjects and the loyal peoples of the New Zealand Island Territories trust that from this visit Your Majesty may gain complete assurance of our devotion. We hope that you may be strengthened by that assurance, upon which Your Majesty can rely now and in the years to come. Sustained by the affection and loyalty of your peoples, we hope also that Your Majesty, with the support and assistance of His Royal Highness, may long

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HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

It is with deep emotion that I speak to you, the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand, as your Queen, and that I exercise the prerogative of opening the third session of this thirtieth Parliament.

I am profoundly sensible of the fact that this is the first occasion on which it has been possible for your Sovereign to exercise this high function in person in New Zealand. I know how much my father, with his intense devotion to his people, would have valued this historic privilege, of which his ill health so tragically deprived him. My constant prayer is that I may, in some measure, carry on that ideal of service of which he gave so outstanding an example.

~~As I stand before you~~ in this Assembly, I feel especially conscious of the community of spirit which exists among the Parliaments of our Commonwealth. Our unique association of nations and peoples, united in the possession of common traditions and ideals, can fairly lay claim to greatness; and I can think of no greatness more worthy of respect than that conceived in the terms of the right of peoples and symbolized by a firm faith in the strength of parliamentary institutions.

A hundred years ago, when the people of New Zealand gained for themselves the right of responsible self-government, it would have required a prophetic imagination to have foreseen the possibility of the present occasion. But in these hundred years New Zealand has attained the maturity of full statehood, while the ocean surrounding these bountiful islands has become a main highway in a world which has itself been transformed. I welcome the shrinkage of the world which makes possible the present closeness in personal relations within the Commonwealth. It will always be my endeavour to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by our age to enter with ever closer sympathy and understanding into the problems and aspirations of my Government and people in New Zealand.

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Unhappily the world has not been able to keep pace morally with the rate of its technical progress. This period demands of us all an unremitting effort to broaden our horizons. I am confident that, with that openness of mind to be expected from a new country, my Government and people in New Zealand will continue to contribute worthily towards the lessening of international tensions and the preservation of world peace.

New Zealand, through her steady progress in matters of social welfare and in the development of her agricultural and other industries, has won international esteem. It is my earnest hope and expectation that this progress will continue, and bring increased benefits and richness of living to her people.

I wish to express most sincerely my warm appreciation for the arrangements which my Ministers have made for me to travel extensively and to meet my subjects in this country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon your counsels.



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BY AIR MAIL THE QUEEN  
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Your Excellency and Mr Prime Minister.

The declaration you have just made and the warmth and sincerity of your welcome to us today have confirmed what I have always believed - that the loyal feelings of the people of New Zealand remain undiminished by distance and the passage of time.

Though this is my first visit to New Zealand, I have the impression that I know it well and I know that here I shall feel at home. My parents spoke often of the kindness and boundless hospitality shown them when they visited this country over twenty-five years ago and for a long time past I have hoped for the opportunity to come here myself.

There is a measure of sadness in the circumstances which surround my visit. My father would have come here in 1939 had it not been for the outbreak of war, and he was prevented again from coming by his illness in 1948.

I have inherited the duties and responsibilities which he bore with such courage and I am heartened by the fact that I have also inherited the loyalty of his peoples all over the world. I shall always endeavour to retain and deserve that loyalty.

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I have been deeply affected today by your expression of hope that our visit may serve to strengthen the ties which bind the countries of the British Commonwealth and that I may draw strength for the performance of my duties from the devotion of my subjects in New Zealand. I share that hope with all my heart and I thank you and the people of New Zealand for giving it to me.

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Prime Minister  
Chief Private Secretary  
Prime Minister's Department

9.11.53

23 October 1953

Dear Paul,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 1 October with which you forwarded copies of all the speeches ever made in Canada. As a matter of fact, we had to work to a fairly strict time limit and this material arrived just as we were writing our last lines. However, it has proved useful in providing a basis of comparison for our own efforts and the Committee have asked me to convey their thanks to you for going to the trouble of compiling it.

I think, on the whole, that the drafts produced by the Department are fairly good. From the precedents we were able to assemble it appears to us that the Queen's speech writers have adopted a definitely more simple style than was used by previous sovereigns. We attempted to reproduce this and the drafts are the better for it. However, they have now gone on to be dealt with by the Prime Minister and others who wish personally to have a part in them and no doubt any resemblance between the final product and our drafts will be purely coincidental.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. COLLINS

O.P. Gabites, Esq.,  
Office of the High Commissioner  
for New Zealand,  
OTTAWA.



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MEMORANDUM for:

Mr McIntosh

ROYAL TOUR - SPEECHES

Internal Affairs have enquired about drafts of the several speeches required in connection with the Royal Visit.

I told them that you had arranged that the drafts stand over until your return, that you would be here this week and that there was some prospect of their being available to Internal Affairs by the end of this week.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Prime Minister's Department,  
Wellington.  
12 October 1953.  
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In the last five weeks, we have made a journey through New Zealand, the memory of which we shall cherish in our minds forever. You welcomed us in such a way that everywhere we have felt at home, surrounded by kindness and warm affection.

Now the time has come for us to say goodbye, which we do with the sadness that attends all partings from those who are dear to us. It is tempered by the hope that we shall be able to return to New Zealand, and by our knowledge that though our Mother Country is far from these shores, we stand together in the brotherhood of one family, and are united in spirit.

We take away with us the impression of a very happy country; and a most beautiful one. We shall remember a land aglow with all the lovely colours of summer; a country of green pastures, noble rivers, and the majesty of high mountains. We shall remember, as a symbol, how here the native ferns and bush stand side by side with the trees of Home. We shall remember the clear air, and the ever present magic of the sea.

We have also other impressions, equally vivid and lasting, of the progress wrought in this country within a short span of time, and the brilliant promise of high achievement in the years to come. Your energy and efforts are carrying New Zealand forward to great developments, the effect of which will, I know, be felt not only here, but well beyond these shores. It is an inspiration to me to reflect, as I pursue my own task, that the fortunes of the Commonwealth are in such hands as yours.

You have shown us most vividly in these five weeks how firm and strong are the bonds which draw us together in our great fellowship of nations. You have shown us also a most sincere loyalty and affection, for which I thank you from a full heart. These things sustain us as we fulfil the pledge we have given to devote our lives to your service. We shall give our utmost to that service, and to be worthy of your trust. God bless you all.

*File, Preliminary drafts of Royal Tour Speech*

On behalf of my husband and myself, I desire to thank you all for the moving way in which you honoured this toast. I am also deeply grateful to the Prime Minister, and to the Leader of the Opposition, for their heartening words of welcome and allegiance, and their kind references to my beloved parents and other members of the Royal Family who visited New Zealand in the past.

The warmth of the welcome we have everywhere received since our arrival in New Zealand has filled our hearts with joy and pride, and we shall remember it for the rest of our days. Wherever we have travelled in this beautiful country, we have been greeted with spontaneous enthusiasm and affection. We have truly been made to feel at home. I know that this, which is one of the strongest impressions I have formed here, will provide a continuing source of inspiration to me in the days to come.

In what we have so far seen of New Zealand, both my husband and I have also been deeply impressed by the way in which, with the aid of science and technical skill, the country's manifold natural resources are being developed. Although we knew well of the scope and advancement of New Zealand industry, both primary and secondary, and of your great natural development projects, nevertheless, the experience of seeing these things with our own eyes for the first time has surpassed all our expectations.

The progress which has been achieved in the comparatively short span of New Zealand's history bears witness to the vigour, courage and self-reliance of the New Zealand people. It stands also as a living monument to your forefathers, and the pioneers, whose labours opened up this new land, and who in their day built the foundations of its greatness. Let us pay tribute to their works, which are our heritage and inspiration.

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I am sustained in my task by the knowledge that in this loyal country of our great Commonwealth the spirit of enterprise and endeavour shines forth as brightly as ever it did in those earlier times. I know from what I have seen that by their efforts the people of New Zealand are making a contribution to the welfare of our Commonwealth which is unsurpassed. The most vivid impression of this forward spirit was made on me when, on the eve of my Coronation, I received the thrilling news that one of your sons had climbed to the summit of the highest mountain in the world.

I feel most deeply the force of your remarks, Mr Prime Minister, about the Commonwealth, and its part in world affairs. I too am certain that it is one of the great forces for good in the world, and that the times in which we are living present a challenging opportunity for us to exert that influence with telling effect. With a full sense of our interdependence, which I believe is shared by every member of the Commonwealth, we shall meet the challenge, and make our contribution to the maintenance of peace and freedom.

Upon me has been laid the heavy responsibility of presiding, as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth, over the fortunes of this great association of nations and peoples. It is a grave task for one so young as I am, but the knowledge of the loyalty and affection of my people, which in New Zealand you have brought so vividly before me, is one of the main sources of my strength. My husband and I are dedicated to the service of you all, and with God's help we are resolved to devote our whole lives and efforts to the advancement of our people and the Commonwealth.

This is a rich and lovely land. I have felt that, like the Commonwealth itself, it has entered upon an era of great developments, and that in the years ahead it will go steadily

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forward to new, unsurpassed heights of achievement. I pray that this will be so, and for my part I will do whatever lies within my power to make it so. My message is that you will continue to seize the opportunities which here have been so richly bestowed, and that you will never slacken your determination to move onwards to the goals of peace and progress, which even now lie within your reach; so that the generations to come will, in their turn, honour your names and this nation, and the Commonwealth which gave it birth.

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To Her Most Excellent Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of the Parliament and people of New Zealand Your Majesty's Ministers humbly extend to you, their beloved Queen, and to your Royal Highness a most sincere and cordial welcome. We wish Your Majesty to know of the gratitude felt by all your loyal subjects in this country at your gracious decision to visit this the most distant of your realms, and to undertake an arduous programme of travel in New Zealand. It is our hope that the visit will be as enjoyable and memorable for you as it will be unforgettable for your New Zealand subjects.

In passing through New Zealand Your Majesty will, we are confident, be left in no doubt of the loyalty which the people of New Zealand bear towards you. That loyalty is the sum of many elements - of admiration for your Majesty's charm and grace and for all that you have done in the performance of your exacting duties; of respect for the Royal Family to which you belong; and of pride in our partnership with the people of the United Kingdom and of the other countries of the British Commonwealth over which Your Majesty presides.

It is our earnest desire and our belief that, strengthened by such opportunities as this visit affords for demonstrating the loyalty of Your Majesty's subjects, and inspired by your leadership, the Commonwealth will prove to all its ability always to stand united. Your Majesty's New Zealand subjects and the loyal peoples of the New Zealand Island Territories hope that from this visit Your Majesty may gain complete assurance of our devotion and affection. We hope further that, strengthened by that assurance and assisted always by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh the other members of the Royal Family, you may long reign over us.

Your Excellency and Mr Prime Minister.

The declaration you have just made and the warmth and sincerity of your welcome to us today have confirmed what I have always believed - that the loyal feelings of the people of New Zealand remain undiminished by distance and the passage of time.

As you know, this is my first visit to New Zealand but in imagination I have been here many times before. My father and my mother spoke often of the kindness shown them when they visited this country nearly thirty years ago and for a long time past I have hoped to have the opportunity to come here myself.

The circumstances which surround my visit are in a sense tinged with sadness, for you know that but for the outbreak of war my father would have come here in 1939, and but for his illness would have come in 1948.

I have inherited the duties and responsibilities which he bore with such courage but I have inherited too the loyalty of his peoples all over the world. I shall always endeavour to retain and deserve that loyalty.

I have been deeply affected today by your expression of hope that our visit may serve to strengthen the ties which bind the countries of the British Commonwealth and that I may draw strength for the performance of my duties from the devotion of my subjects in New Zealand. I share that hope and I thank you for it and through you the people of New Zealand.

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Honourable Members of the House of Representatives,

It is with deep emotion that I speak to you, the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand, as your and their Queen.

This is the first occasion on which it has been possible for your Sovereign to open in person a session of Parliament in New Zealand. I know how much my father, with his keen devotion to his people, would have valued this historic privilege, of which his ill health so tragically deprived him. My constant prayer is that I may in some measure carry on that ideal of service of which he gave so outstanding an example.

As I stand before you in this Assembly, I feel especially conscious of the community of spirit which exists among the Parliaments of our Commonwealth. This Commonwealth, which is the common object of our loyalty, can fairly lay claim to greatness. I can think of no greatness more worthy of respect than that conceived in the terms of the right of peoples and symbolized by a firm faith in the strength of parliamentary institutions.

A hundred years ago, when the people of New Zealand first won for themselves the right of responsible self-government, it would have required a prophetic imagination to have foreseen the possibility of the present occasion. But in these hundred years New Zealand has attained the maturity of full statehood while the ocean surrounding these beautiful islands has become a main highway in a world which has itself been transformed. I welcome this shrinkage of the world which makes possible the present closeness in personal relations within the Commonwealth. It will always be my endeavour to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by our age to enter with ever closer sympathy and understanding into the problems and aspirations of my Government and people in New Zealand.

Unhappily the world has not been able to keep pace morally with the rate of its technical progress. This period demands of us all an unremitting effort to broaden our horizons. I am confident that, with that openness of mind to be expected from a new country, my Government and people in New Zealand will continue to contribute worthily towards the lessening of international tensions and the preservation of world peace.

New Zealand, through her steady progress in matters of social welfare and in the development of her agricultural and other industries, has won international esteem. It is my earnest hope and expectation that this progress will continue and bring increased benefits and richness of living to her people.

I wish to express most sincerely my warm appreciation for the arrangements which my Ministers have made for me to travel extensively and to meet my subjects in this country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon your counsels.

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TO HER MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY ELIZABETH THE SECOND,  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, NEW ZEALAND  
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Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness to this historic  
place, whereon Maori Chiefs of that day signed the  
Treaty by which they accepted as their Queen your  
Majesty's illustrious great-great-grandmother, Queen  
Victoria.

In the Treaty of Waitangi is preserved the  
statement of the historic and traditional rights of the  
Maori people. It is more than a legal document, it is  
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1 October 1953

R. G. Collins, Esq.,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Wellington, New Zealand.

Dear Dick,

I am afraid the speech manufacturing committee will not be getting as much help from Canada as I had hoped. It has proved to be virtually impossible to get copies of any speeches made by the Prime Minister with the exception of that given in Quebec on 17 May 1939 at a luncheon welcoming the King and Queen. I should add that I have not bothered about any speeches delivered in the House of Commons here because I imagine the texts will be available to you in the General Assembly Library. The situation is, I admit, an extraordinary one, but the Secretary of State Department has lent us their file and it contains very little of any real value for your purposes. As you will see from the selections I am sending you, the amount of corn <sup>per</sup> on the line is, I think, fairly high.

If there is anything else we can do, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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The Speech of His Majesty King George VI upon Their  
Majesties' departure from Canada; Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
June 15th, 1939.

The time has come for the Queen and myself to say good-bye  
to the people of Canada.

You have given us a welcome of which the memory will always  
be dear to us. In our travels across your great country, we have  
seen not a little of its infinite variety of natural wealth and  
natural beauty. We have had the privilege of meeting Canadians,  
old and young, of many proud racial origins and in all walks of  
life. We hope we have made many friends among you.

We have had the opportunity, also, of crossing your border  
and paying an all too brief visit to Canada's great and friendly  
neighbour to the south. Our minds and hearts are full. We leave  
your shores after some of the most inspiring and illuminating  
weeks in our lives.

I return to England with a new sense of the resources and of  
the responsibilities of our British Empire. I am confident that  
Canada has before her a development far beyond the most optimistic  
dreams of her pioneers. Her growth in material wealth is fully  
assured. For her sons and daughters, I wish her an even greater  
growth in the stature of mind and spirit.

I go home with another thought, which is a comfort and an  
inspiration. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the  
tropics to the Arctic, lies a large part of the earth where there  
is no possibility of war between neighbors, whose peoples are wholly  
dedicated to the pursuits of peace, a pattern to all men of how  
civilized nations should live together. It is good to know that  
such a region exists, for what man can do once he can do again.  
By God's grace yours may yet be the example which all the world  
will follow.

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The Address of His Majesty King George VI, broadcast to the Empire from Winnipeg, May 24th, 1939.

To-day is Queen Victoria's birthday, as well as Empire Day, and I am glad that I can speak to you on this day amid surroundings eloquent of the Empire's achievement since Queen Victoria was born. Winnipeg, the city from which I am speaking, was no more than a fort and hamlet upon the open prairie when Queen Victoria began to rule. To-day it is a monument to the faith and energy which have created and upheld the world-wide Empire of our time.

The journey which the Queen and I are making in Canada has been a deeply moving experience, and I welcome this opportunity of sharing with my subjects in all parts of the world some of the thought and feeling which it has inspired in me.

We often talk of the old world and the new. It is one of the greatest services of the British Empire that it serves to link and harmonize the two. That part of the British realm which lies in Europe and in Asia looks back upon many centuries of civilized life and growth. That part of it which lies in America, and Africa and the two great sister nations of Australia and New Zealand has made its place in world society within the last hundred years.

For a long period in history it was the mind of Europe which led the march and fixed the aims of progress in the world. But that tide of inspiration is no longer running as it did in times gone by. The Christian civilization of Europe is now profoundly troubled and challenged from within. We are striving to restore its standards, though the task is long and hard. Asia too is changing fast, and its mind is deeply disturbed. Is not this a moment when the old world in its turn might look for hope and guidance to the achievements of the new?

There is one example in particular which North America can offer to other parts of the world. A century ago, when Queen Victoria began her reign, a great constitutional struggle was in progress in the Canadian provinces. But soon after this time the provinces of Canada achieved responsible self-government. Freedom and responsibility led them gradually to compose their differences and to cement this noble federation from sea to sea.

The sense of race may be a dangerous and disrupting force, but English and French have shown in Canada that they can keep the pride and distinctive culture which it inspires, while yet combining to establish a broader freedom and security than either could have achieved alone.

Nor is that the only chapter in North-American history that deserves consideration. Canada and the United States have had to dispose of searching differences of aim and interest during the past hundred years; but never has one of those differences been resolved by force or by threat. No man, thank God, will ever again conceive of such arbitrament between the peoples of my Empire and the people of the United States. The faith in reason and fair play, which we share with them, is one of the chief ideals that guide the British Empire in all its ways today. It is not in power or wealth alone, nor in dominion over other peoples, that the true greatness of an Empire consists. Those things are but the instrument; they are not the end or the ideal. The end is freedom, justice and peace in equal measure for all, secure against attack from without and from within.

It is only by adding to the spiritual dignity and material happiness of human life in all its myriad homes that an empire can claim to be of service to its own peoples and to the world.

I would end with a special word of greeting to those of my listeners who are young. It is true - and I deplore it deeply -

that the skies are overcast in more than one quarter at the present time. Do not on that account lose heart. Life is a great adventure and every one of you can be a pioneer, blazing by thought and service a trail to better things.

Hold fast to all that is just and of good report in the heritage which your fathers have left to you, but strive also to improve and equalize that heritage for all men and women in the years to come. Remember too, that the key to all true progress lies in faith, hope and love. May God give you their support and may God help them to prevail.

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The Speech of His Majesty King George VI Unveiling the  
National War Memorial, Ottawa, May 21st, 1939.

It is my privilege, as your King, to unveil today, in your capital city, the noble memorial to Canada's spirit and sacrifice in the Great War.

It is almost a quarter of a century since the beginning of the Great War. Four years earlier my father had succeeded to the Throne. For many, the memories of the war will always have an immediate association with his reign. It has been given to me to-day to recall Canada's part in the great conflict. Fortunately, my task is already largely performed, for in the beautiful work of art which I have just unveiled vivid and enduring expression has been given to the spirit of Canada.

The time and the place of today's ceremony are not without significance. I am not surprised that it has taken many years to bring this memorial into being, and to give it this appropriate setting. On the battlefields of Europe, and throughout the Dominion, there are many memorials to Canada's honoured dead. Today, in her own capital, Canada dedicates her national memorial.

The memorial speaks to the world of Canada's heart. Its symbolism has been beautifully adapted to this great end. It has been well named "The Response". One sees at a glance the answer made by Canada when the world's peace was broken, and freedom threatened in the fateful years of the Great War. It depicts the zeal with which this country entered the conflict.

But the symbolism of the memorial is even more profound. Something deeper than chivalry is portrayed. It is the spontaneous response of the nation's conscience. The very soul of the nation is here revealed.

Surmounting the arch, through which the armed forces of the nation are pressing forward, are the figures of peace and freedom. To win peace and to secure freedom, Canada's sons and daughters enrolled for service during the Great War. For the cause of peace and freedom 60,000 Canadians gave their lives, and a still larger number suffered impairment of body or mind. This sacrifice the national memorial holds in remembrance for our own and succeeding generations.

This memorial, however, does more than commemorate a great event in the past. It has a message for all generations and for all countries - the message which called forth Canada's response. Not by chance do the crowning figures of peace and freedom appear side by side. Peace and freedom cannot long be separated. It is well that we have, in one of the world capitals, a visible reminder of so great a truth. Without freedom there can be no enduring peace, and without peace no enduring freedom.

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COPY

The Speech of The Prime Minister of Canada at the luncheon given by His Majesty's Government in Canada, welcoming King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on Their Majesties' arrival in Canada, at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, May 17th, 1939.

May it please Your Majesty:

On behalf of the Canadian people, I respectfully extend to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen a royal welcome to your Dominion of Canada.

We are deeply conscious of the signal honour of being the first of the overseas nations of the Commonwealth to be visited by the reigning Sovereign, and of having the high privilege of welcoming, in person, our King and Queen. We are proud indeed to feel that, in the person of Your Majesty, we have among us, not the symbol, but the living presence of the Head of the whole Empire.

Three and a third centuries ago, unknown, unheralded and unwelcomed, small craft crossed the then uncharted seas and sailed up the St. Lawrence to where this morning Your Majesty set foot on Canadian soil. Here, these early adventurers raised the Fleur de Lis of France and planted the Cross of Christianity. That day was the birthday of Canada. Since then, these heights have witnessed other scenes alike heroic and historic.

This afternoon Your Majesty will view the plains where one and three quarter centuries ago the soil of Old France in the New World was won for the British Crown. The transition gave a firm foundation to the British dominions beyond the seas. Your Majesty will also see the memorial which, in a single epitaph, commemorates the virtues of the gallant leaders of the two great races then in conflict - a symbol of the highest chivalry, but, even more, of national unity.

Here, in 1864, after a preliminary conference at Charlottetown, the Fathers of Confederation drafted the resolutions which were the basis of the British North America Act. By this Act, the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, were federally united under the Crown into one Dominion. On July 1, 1867, with a constitution similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom, the British Colonies thus united became the Dominion of Canada.

To aid and advise in the government of the Dominion, the new constitution made provision for a Council to be styled the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

To-day, all the Privy Councillors of Canada have been invited to meet Your Majesty, including members of both present and past administrations. It is the first occasion since Confederation, apart from the meetings of the first Cabinet, on which all the members of the King's Privy Council for Canada have been brought together. It is the first time in the history of Canada that the Ministers of the Crown and, indeed, all members of Your Majesty's Privy Council, have been assembled in the presence of Their King.

To-day, as never before, the Throne has become the centre of our national life.

Under the shadow of the great rock of Quebec, there has passed, in the course of years, a continuous stream of men and women, seeking and finding new homes and new opportunities in this favoured land. We rejoice in the thought that, for a time, our King and Queen will follow the path of those adventurers and pioneers. Your Majesties will discover not only - as they did - forests, prairies, and mountains, but thriving villages, towns and cities, all eager to extend their welcome. We hope there may be opportunity as well for Your Majesties to see and to enjoy something of the natural beauty of Canada's many rivers and lakes, its vast spaces, its clear skies and golden sunshine, its national parks, its quiet country-side and its peaceful homes.

We are not unmindful of the sacrifices involved in your long and arduous journeys over land and sea, and in parting for the time being with your children - those cherished children of the Empire, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. May the sincerity and warmth of our welcome be some compensation to you during this temporary separation. Your Majesties will find other children in this land longing to press around you, children who in turn will hand on to a future generation the memory of a great moment in their lives. Here, too, you will be in the heart of a family which is your own; a family of men and women of varied stock and race and thought, who, in free association with other members of the Commonwealth, but equally in their own way, are working out their national destiny.

We would have Your Majesties feel that, in coming from the Old Land to the New, you have but left one home to come to another; that we are all of one household. Free institutions and democratic ideals are as dear to the hearts of your people in Canada as to the peoples in any other part of the Empire. We regard their preservation and perpetuation as the common concern of all.

May I, in conclusion, be permitted to say that the warmth of the welcome Your Majesties will everywhere receive is bound up in a very special way with the admiration that all Canadians feel for the qualities of heart and character which you possess - for what you are in your selves. In your daily lives we see exemplified the things we value most - faith in God, concern for human well-being, consecration to the public service, delight in the simple joys of home and family life. Greater than our sense of the splendour of your state is our affection for two young people who bear, in so high a spirit, a responsibility unparalleled in the world.

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Your Royal Highnesses:

As Minister of the Department of Resources and Development, which is responsible, among other things, for promoting the conservation of wild birds, I have the honour to present to you six live specimens of one of our most treasured waterfowl - the Trumpeter Swan. This gift has been made possible through the co-operation of the Government of British Columbia, the province in which these birds make their home.

At one time, Trumpeter Swans were known to nest in the central parts of this continent, but with the advance of settlement westward their numbers were reduced - almost to the point of extinction - and the survivors found refuge in a few scattered locations in the wilderness areas of the West. Happily, under the protection afforded by conservation measures, these magnificent birds have gradually recovered until today there are some 900 of them in Canada.

Ancient custom in England established the swan as a Royal bird and it will be a matter of great satisfaction to Canadians to know that Trumpeter Swans from this country may bear your swan mark. It is our earnest hope that these graceful birds will become established in the United Kingdom and will create a permanent living memento of your first visit to Canada. May they not only help you to recall what we sincerely hope have been many happy impressions of your first visit but be a constant reminder of the deep store of affection for you which lies in the hearts of all Canadians.

Minister of Resources and Development

The Honourable Robert H. Winters

Text of Address by H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth  
at luncheon, St. John's, Newfoundland, Sunday,  
November 11, 1951.

Mr Prime Minister.

I thank you very much indeed for the words in which you have proposed this toast and I thank you all for the kind way in which you have honoured it. I am very grateful to you for these gifts, and I shall value them because they will always make me think of my first visit to this province which has such close ties with Britain.

I would indeed like to see Newfoundland in Summer - not that I see anything wrong with it in November - but I can assure you that the strongest force which will draw us back here is the warmth of the welcome we have received this morning from your fine people. We shall never forget it and we are very grateful.

This morning my husband and I laid a wreath upon your National War Memorial in memory of those gallant men and women of Newfoundland who gave their lives for their Country. On this Remembrance Day we think of them with gratitude, we think too with pride and admiration of those of all nations who fought, and those who are still fighting today, for freedom.

Tomorrow we must leave. I wish we could have stayed longer and seen more of this province but that must wait for another day which I hope will not be too far distant.

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Text of Address by Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth in Confederation Chamber, Provincial Building, Charlottetown, Friday, November 9, 1951.

Mr Prime Minister.

I thank you and the people of Prince Edward Island most sincerely for the welcome we have been given today. I thank you, too, for your generous gift for charity and for giving us the pleasure of being able to devote it to a cause of our own choosing. And this rare and beautiful fur has delighted me. Whenever I wear it, which will be often, I shall remember our visit here with happiness.

Every Canadian who stands in this historic Confederation Chamber must feel, I know, great pride at all that has been accomplished since Canada took its first steps in nationhood, here, less than 90 years ago.

My husband and I have seen during the last few weeks the progress that has been made in every field of Canadian endeavour, and share with you to the full a great sense of achievement at all that has been done.

Your own province, Mr Premier, is indeed the garden of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence, well tended and productive. It has been a pleasure for us to meet your people and we shall look forward to coming here again before too long a time has passed.

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Text of Address by His Royal Highness The Duke of  
Edinburgh at City of Halifax Luncheon, Thursday, November 8, 1951

Thank you, Mr Mayor, for the very kind way in which you have proposed the toast to my wife and me, and also for the wonderful welcome we have received here.

The last time I was in Halifax was as a Midshipman returning from the Mediterranean in a troopship in the summer of 1941. We only stopped here for about 24 hours but we were all shown the most warm-hearted hospitality, for which I and many others who came here during the war will always be grateful to the citizens of Halifax.

I am also grateful to you today for this opportunity for me to say good-bye -- or perhaps more exactly -- au revoir, to the people of Canada. It is a sad moment for me as I can truthfully say that this visit has been both fascinating and stimulating. No one visiting Canada today can fail to be struck by the tremendous achievements and the enormous possibilities. But perhaps more important is the way people go to work here. Natural resources are not being squandered recklessly, towns and villages are not growing up without proper thought for their citizens' welfare. Everywhere we have seen the same determination to preserve the best and to build a Canada that future generations will be proud of.

You all know that we have been received all over Canada with the most touching friendliness and we are deeply moved; yet I would like to make it quite clear that we are the first to realize that it has been something very much greater than a personal welcome.

I am not impressed by statistics and it does not matter how many miles we went by train, by air or by car. What is important is that we made personal contact on behalf of The King with Canadians of all walks of life from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Naturally there were many whom we could not visit, but I am quite sure they were given a good idea of the preparations made for this visit, and the welcome extended to us by their fellow Canadians, through the Press and the Radio.

Among the many people we have met have been men and women elected by their fellow citizens to look after their affairs in city, province and nation's capital. They have been called officials, unkindly perhaps, but it is upon these very men and women that the present administration and broad future development of this country chiefly depends.

As a result of this visit we take back with us a fairly comprehensive picture of Canada. We have seen you at work and at play, we have seen your homes and your children, and we have prayed with you in your churches. We have seen the forests and the wheatfields, factories and universities, scientists and Armed Services, and we have learnt some of your hopes and fears.

All this has made a profound impression which is impossible to describe. However, I am taking a message back to England, and, indeed, the rest of the world. It may not express exactly what I feel but I am sure everyone will understand when I say that Canada is a good investment.

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Text of Address of H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth at  
Province House, Halifax, November 7, 1951.

Mr Premier,

I thank you and the people of Nova Scotia most sincerely for the welcome you have expressed so eloquently and for your prayers for my Father's health.

As the daughter of a sailor and the wife of a sailor it gives me particular pleasure to come to this province which has played so notable a part in the naval history, not only of Canada, but of the whole British Commonwealth.

I was interested to learn that long before the Canadian Navy came into being Nova Scotia had given five admirals to the British Navy and that the first Victoria Cross even awarded to a Canadian was won by a fore-topman, William Hall, of Hantsford.

The part that Nova Scotia has played in the growth of the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Merchant Navy cannot be overestimated for many of the ships have been built here on your coasts and a great many of the fine seamen who man them were born and bred in this sea-girt province.

Although our stay in Halifax must be short, I am very glad that before we leave Canada we are to go to another of your fine cities in a ship of the Royal Canadian Navy.

I hope it may be our good fortune to return one day and see more of your beautiful province.

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ROYAL TOAST

(proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General  
at State Dinner, Government House, October 10th,  
1951.)

Your Royal Highnesses, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As His Majesty's personal representative in Canada, it gives me great pleasure to extend to Your Royal Highness and His Royal Highness a very warm welcome to Canada.

Speaking in behalf of the Canadian people I should like to say that we feel it a great honour to have you both with us.

More especially do we appreciate your coming to Canada at this time, after the anxious days through which you have just passed.

Most of those present here this evening remember with pride and affection the visit of Their Majesties, your father and mother, when they visited Canada in 1939.

I can assure you that the expressions of loyalty and devotion which were extended to The King and Queen then, during their stay amongst us twelve years ago, will be extended to you in like measure by all Canadians during your journey across the country, for you will find that you have a very warm corner in the heart and affections of the Canadian people.

This link with the throne is not only one of sentiment and pride, but a thing of real and tangible strength and one of the most important factors in uniting the peoples of the Commonwealth into one great brotherhood under the British Crown.

It is our earnest wish that your stay amongst us will be as enjoyable as I know it will be fruitful, and that you will carry away with you the happiest recollections of this great country and its fine citizens.

May I express the hope that Your Royal Highnesses will come back again one day, and in the not too distant future.

Ladies and gentlemen, I will ask you to rise and drink the toast to Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth coupled with that of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

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YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES:

As Minister of the Department of Resources and Development, which is responsible, among other things, for promoting the conservation of wild birds, I have the honour to present to you six live specimens of one of our most treasured waterfowl - The Trumpeter Swan. This gift has been made possible through the co-operation of the Government of British Columbia, the province in which these birds make their home.

At one time Trumpeter Swans were known to nest in the central parts of this continent, but with the advance of settlement westward their numbers were reduced - almost to the point of extinction - and the survivors found refuge in a few scattered locations in the wilderness areas of the West. Happily, under the protection afforded by conservation measures, these magnificent birds have gradually recovered until today there are some 900 of them in Canada.

Ancient custom in England established the swan as a Royal bird and it will be a matter of great satisfaction to Canadians to know that Trumpeter Swans from this country may bear your swan mark. It is our earnest hope that these graceful birds will become established in the United Kingdom and will create a permanent living memento of your first visit to Canada. May they not only help you to recall what we sincerely hope have been many happy impressions of your first visit but be a constant reminder of the deep store of affection for you which lies in the hearts of all Canadians.

Minister of Resources and Development.

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TEXT OF ADDRESS FOR FAREWELL BROADCAST  
BY H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH AT  
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., SUNDAY, NOV. 11, 1951.

For five weeks we have travelled through this vast and splendid land of Canada and now we have come once more to the Atlantic. Tomorrow we shall sail for England and the moment has come when I must say goodbye for a time, and thank you. It is not easy for me to say either of these things.

It is not easy to say goodbye because although I am going to a country which is my first home, and although I am happy to be returning to my family and my children, I am also leaving a country which has become a second home in every sense. Wherever we have been throughout the ten provinces, in your great cities, in your towns, in your villages, and indeed in almost every mile that we have travelled through fields, forests, prairies and mountains we have been welcomed with a warmth of heart that has made us feel how truly we belong to Canada.

Nor is it easy to say thank you because no words of mine can express what I would like to tell you. We have seen and heard so much that has moved our imaginations and touched our hearts. We shall take with us memories that will always draw us back to this country; the towering buildings of your big cities and the charm of your smaller communities, the blue skies and golden colours of autumn - or as I have now learnt to call it 'the fall' - and the trees and fields beneath the first snow of winter - all the beauty and majesty of Canada. I thank you for having shown me these things, and I am grateful to you for the glimpse you have given me of the greatness of this nation and the even greater future which is within its grasp.

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I have seen this future in the eyes of hundreds of thousands of your children and have heard it in their voices. For as long as I live I shall remember and cherish fondly the greetings which came to us each day from those young people. I pray that their lot in this land will always continue to be a happy one.

I am well aware that the acclaim you have given us, which has often seemed to me to have the breadth and immensity of the sea, has had a far deeper meaning in it than a personal welcome. And this has often made me think of the words spoken by the Governor General in Ottawa during the first days of our visit. He said then that the link with the Crown was a thing of real and tangible strength and one of the most important factors in uniting the peoples of the Commonwealth into one great brotherhood. You have shown me the reality of this, and I thank you for it.

Destiny has given me the great privilege of being able to live my life for the service of that brotherhood; in these five weeks you have given me a new strength and inspiration which I know will always help me in the future. For that I am deeply grateful and say, not goodbye, but au revoir.

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Demain nous repartons pour l'Angleterre et le moment est venu pour vous dire adieu, ou plutôt, au revoir et merci.

Les mots me manquent pour vous exprimer mes sentiments. Partout où nous sommes passés dans les dix provinces nous avons été accueillis avec une cordialité qui

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Je vous remercie d'avoir bien voulu me montrer toute la magnificence et toute la majeste du Canada. Je vous remercie egalement d'avoir bien voulu me permettre d'entrevoir la grandeur actuelle de cette nation et ses promesses d'un avenir encore plus grand.

Cela constituera pour moi une source d'inspiration intarissable, dont je vous suis reconnaissante. Au revoir!

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MEMORANDUM for :-

The Secretary for External Affairs,  
External Affairs Department,  
WELLINGTON.

GOVERNMENT ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND SPEECHES  
DURING THE ROYAL TOUR

This is to confirm my verbal request to you of last week, relative to the above.

- ① Following the normal custom a Government Address of Welcome will be handed to The Queen by the Prime Minister on board the S.S. "Gothic" immediately on her arrival in New Zealand.
- ② Drafts of this Address of Welcome, and a suggested reply, will need to be prepared for transmission to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen will speak to New Zealanders in general on three occasions during the Tour. All of these are considered to be important speeches, and the Private Secretary to The Queen has asked that suggested drafts be forwarded as soon as possible.

- ③ The main speech of the visit will be The Queen's reply to the Prime Minister's address at the State Luncheon, to be held in Wellington on Monday, January 11th. As the form to be followed on this occasion will affect the writing of the various speeches, the following brief sketch of the procedure, which has still to be approved, is given for your information.

- ④ The Prime Minister will propose the toast, which will probably be "The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh". When the toast has been honoured the Prime Minister will deliver his speech, and this I understand will be followed by a brief supporting speech by the Leader of the Opposition. The Queen will then respond to the toast and that speech will be the main one of the Tour. Drafts of the speeches by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, and a suggested draft reply will be required.

- ⑦ At 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 12th January, The Queen will open Parliament. Her speech on this occasion will also be an important one, and will be broadcast to the whole of New Zealand. A suggested draft of this speech is required.

- ⑧ The final occasion on which The Queen will speak to all New Zealanders is on the occasion of her farewell address on the evening of January 29th, at Invercargill. A draft of this speech is also required.

The draft of The Queen's speech on the occasion of her Christmas Broadcast is being prepared by her advisers in London.

I regret that you were not given earlier advice of these requirements.

*A. G. Hamper*  
Secretary for Internal Affairs

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TEXT OF WELCOME

BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF MONCTON

November 7, 1951

To Her Royal Highness

November 7, 1951

The Princess Elizabeth

Your Royal Highness:

Your Royal Highness: Your graciousness in visiting Moncton on your Canadian tour is a source of much joy to the people of Moncton. We welcome you and your husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, respectfully, happily and wholeheartedly. Your presence in Moncton recalls the visit of their Majesties, the King and Queen, twelve years ago, and we pray that in due time you will present to them our renewed pledge of loyalty and devotion. We are reminded of the visit of their Majesties, the King and Queen, twelve years ago, and we pray that in due time you will present to them our renewed pledge of loyalty and devotion. My duty now is to present you with this address in permanent form which we hope you will accept as an evidence of our affection for yourself and the noble family you represent. We hope that the King will soon be able to resume his active life with his family and the people. For her Majesty, the Queen, we hope you will accept our respectful wishes for her recovery and the return of her tranquillity and peace of mind.

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BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF MONCTON, N.B.

November 7, 1951

That your Royal Highness and your husband, the  
Duke of Edinburgh, could continue on your plans to visit Canada  
To Her Royal Highness under the efforts of us here, and expresses  
up to The Princess Elizabeth the lives and the happiness of your  
people throughout the world. Your visit and the presence of you  
Your Royal Highness: unexampled of the beginning, will bring  
another of Your graciousness in visiting Moncton on your British  
Canadian tour is an honor of which we shall strive to prove  
worthy and which we shall ever remember. It is a British Democracy.

Your presence in Moncton recalls the visit  
of their Majesties, the King and Queen, in 1939, and in  
welcoming you, their daughter and their presumptive, we  
experience the same emotions of affection and patriotism that  
which stirred us then, and which were an inspiration to us  
in the dark days of the late war when all British peoples  
adopted as a common cause the defence of the freedoms which  
we accept as our birthright. Culture and the British Empire  
which maintain. The recent concern over the health of His Majesty  
the King now prompts a most respectful expression of the hope  
that He will soon be restored to full vigor and that your  
Royal Highness, on your return home will find him strengthened  
and once again able to enjoy an active and untroubled life  
with his family and his people. For Her Majesty the Queen, we  
hope you will accept our respectful wish that a time of worry  
has passed and that tranquility and peace of mind will return.

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That your Royal Highness and your husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, could continue in your plans to visit Canada at a time of family uncertainty affects us deeply and impresses upon us your interest in the lives and surroundings of your people throughout the world. Your visit particularly in view of the unusual circumstances of its beginning, will forge another link in the strong chain which binds together British peoples every where, not by force but by veneration of the Crown and the Royal Family and the ideals of British Democracy.

We in Moncton present ourselves to you, not as citizens of an ancient metropolitan city or as persons of wealth or aristocracy, but as simple, true, loyal and representative Canadians. Our greatest achievement is that here persons of Anglo-Saxon descent live happily and trustingly with Acadians of French inheritance, and that members of these two great races are united as Canadians in respect for our new common culture and the British tradition which made possible its development.

May we reverently beseech God's blessings upon you.

The City of Moncton,  
T. Babbitt Parlee,  
Mayor

Dated this 7th day of November, A.D. 1951

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TEXT OF ADDRESS BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS  
THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH IN LEGISLATIVE  
CHAMBER, WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 16TH

Mr. Speaker:

I thank you most sincerely for your welcome to my husband and myself. I thank also the citizens of Winnipeg for having greeted us so warmly.

It is a great pleasure for me to be in Winnipeg as I have read and heard so much of your history. It is indeed one of romance and colour. The story of how this city grew from a tiny settlement on the banks of the Red River, built to act as a clearing house for the fur-traders of the Hudson Bay, to become one of the greatest grain centres of the world is one which has always appealed to my imagination.

I have also been pleased and interested to learn how you have attracted to your city and to the surrounding prairies people from many European countries who have found here the freedom of life they yearned for. In this free and noble country they have found a home and, in return, they have brought with them much that has enriched the nation.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you, Mr. Premier, and through you the people of Manitoba for the generous gift you gave me this morning. It will give me great pleasure to give this money to charity.

Our only regret today is that our visit to Winnipeg must be so short. I know it will be pleasant and I sincerely hope that we will come back again to see you.

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TEXT OF ADDRESS BY HRH THE PRINCESS  
ELIZABETH AT CITY HALL, VANCOUVER,  
OCTOBER 20TH, 1951

Mr. Mayor and the people of Vancouver.

My father The King will, I know, be most pleased to learn of your thoughts and prayers at this time.

I thank you, Mr. Mayor, for what you have said about my husband and myself, and I thank you also, and the people of Vancouver for this beautiful rose bowl you have given us.

Two weeks ago I stood high up in the Citadel of Quebec and looked eastward towards the great Gulf of St. Lawrence. As I did so I was very conscious of the great and ever-growing interchange of Commerce and Culture that flows between Canada and all countries lying across the Atlantic.

Today from this famous city and busy port of Vancouver my eyes and thoughts are turned westward across the Pacific towards those other lands of Australasia and the Orient who are looking to you for trade and exchange of ideas.

This makes me realise more than ever before the greatness of this Canada of yours and the notable part you have to play in Pacific affairs.

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NOTE FOR REPORTERS:

It is probable that additional  
remarks will be made extemporaneously.

TEXT OF ADDRESS

BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

AT TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1951

I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the very kind way in which you proposed my health. May I also thank you and all the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto for the great pleasure you have given me by your invitation to lunch with you today.

Before leaving England I made some enquiries about Commerce and Science in Canada. I was overwhelmed by the helpfulness of the High Commissioner's Office with every sort and kind of information. Reading the material I was struck by the insistence that Canada was a young country full of promise. Meaning no disrespect to the Canadian who wrote this, I would beg to differ.

To me youth means the absence of history or background, a catalogue of untapped resources, and in Culture and Science a reliance upon others for original thought. But coupled with this statement that Canada is a young country was a series of accounts of achievements in every branch of national life which would make many an older country feel proud.

Youth means inexperience, and lack of judgment and an inability to look after one's own affairs. I do not see how these descriptions can be made to fit a nation that pushed a railway through the Rockies, developed the prairies, and exploited the vast natural resources of timber, oil and water power and is steadily pushing the last frontier northward. The Chalk River project alone implies a considerable scientific background which is certainly lacking in many long established nations. Indeed one does not have to look very hard for the achievements of Canadian Scientists. At the University of Toronto Professors Banting and Best developed Insulin which means life to Diabetics, and at McGill University new hope for those suffering

from certain nervous diseases is offered at the Neurological Institute headed by Dr. Penfield.

But perhaps more important than the individual triumphs is the unique and very sensible organization of Science in Canada. From the National and Provincial Research Councils through the associate Committees a simple and effective pattern exists for getting problems to the right research worker and the right answer back to the people who need it. It is also quite evident that the work of the research laboratories, whether they deal with Metallurgy, Wood-pulp, Agricultural machinery or Forestry, is second to none in the world.

To my mind the most important evidence that Canada is no longer a young country, although, I hasten to add, still full of youthful energy, is the publication of the Royal Commission's report on the national development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences. This report is a remarkable attempt to find out exactly what is present and what is lacking in the National culture. It does not try to hide the fact that there is a great deal which is missing but the fact that this report was written at all implies that it will not be missing for long. It is this consciousness of individuality and determined independence which is the hallmark of a successful nation.

In the old days this independence could only have been won by armed force, but here it has been accomplished by something far stronger and more lasting. It has been accomplished by the living certainty in the minds and hearts of all Canadians that the way of life which you have evolved is full and satisfying and well suited to the conditions under which you live and work. Above all, this has been achieved alongside the parallel development and the powerful influence of the friendly giant at the South Door. It is easy enough to withstand the influence of an unfriendly neighbour, but in your case both countries developed with the same ideals and traditions. That you have maintained your own identity and have not been overwhelmed by kindness is a remarkable achievement.

For all this peace at home, the Armed Forces have built a tradition of courage and determination, not in the emotionally charged atmosphere of the immediate defence of their homes, but in unselfish



service far from home for the freedom of others. In the British Isles the Canadian Army will always be remembered for the security they gave when invasion threatened and the gallantry displayed in the fighting in Italy and North Europe. I can speak from personal experience as I was serving in a Destroyer off the beaches at Sicily when the Canadian Division landed there in 1943.

Young men from every part of the Commonwealth, and indeed the world, will remember their period of training in Canada under the British Commonwealth Air Training plan, which is a monument of what we can do when we get together. The people of Europe have not forgotten the part played by Canadian Airmen in bringing them freedom from tyranny.

Naval warfare is seldom spectacular and convoy duty is especially dull, but I can assure you that anti-submarine warfare in the North Atlantic is not for beginners, but that was the cradle of the Royal Canadian Navy.

These martial traditions, the History and Culture, the Scientific and Commercial achievements, prove to me that this is a flourishing nation with a lot to look back on with pride, a present which compares very favourably with any other country and a future which is a challenge to all that is best in the Canadian character.

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2 September 1953

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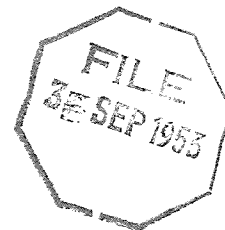
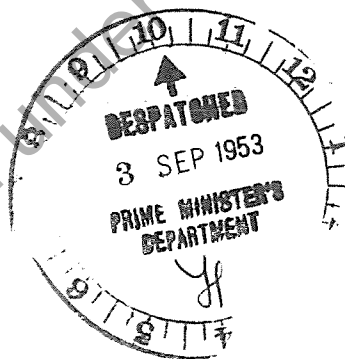
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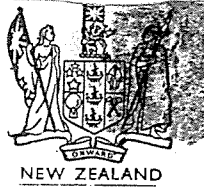
The Prime Minister is anxious to get a copy of the speech delivered by Mr Harold Holt, the Australian Minister at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association function at which the Queen was present round about the time of the Coronation. It does not appear to have reached us yet, and Mr Holland would be grateful if a copy could be turned up for his perusal.

For your own information, we are engaged in preparing speeches for the Royal Tour and the Prime Minister wants to have a look at this one, to enable him to frame his own. Something by airmail would be very much appreciated.

(Sgd.) A. D. McINTOSH

Secretary of External Affairs.





PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
WELLINGTON.

2 September 1953

MEMORANDUM for:

Rt.Hon. Mr Holland.

SPEECHES FOR ROYAL TOUR

In connection with the preparation of speeches for the Royal Tour, you mentioned that you would like to have a glance through Harold Holt's speech in London at the time of the Coronation.

Unfortunately, the Press devoted practically all of its space to Mr Churchill's speech on that occasion and only a few lines to Mr Holt.

The Parliamentary Association delegation's records have not come out yet but I have sent to London to see if a copy can be obtained and forwarded out by airmail.

I have arranged for the seven or eight speeches required to be prepared during my absence, and I hope that I shall be back in time to do the editing before they have to be submitted to you and sent off to London.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. D. S. Blair'.

Permanent Head.

P.M. 151/12/1

9 June 1953

MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary for Internal Affairs,  
WELLINGTON.

ROYAL TOUR - PREPARATION OF  
NOTES FOR SPEECHES.

Thank you for your memorandum 1/A of 1 June, 1953.  
A copy has been forwarded to the Official Secretary,  
London, with a request that Dr Marsden be acquainted  
with its contents. Presumably you will now inform  
Buckingham Palace so that Dr Marsden can undertake  
liaison with the authorities on a proper basis.

(S.M.) A. D. McINTOSH

Secretary of External Affairs.

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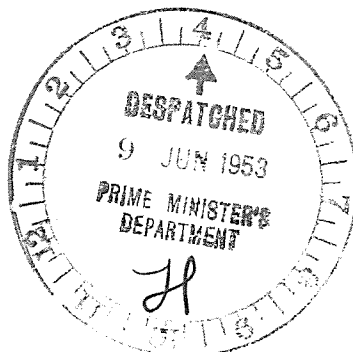
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GRANDUM for:-

The Secretary of External Affairs,  
WELLINGTON.

ROYAL TOUR.

This memorandum relates to the preparation of notes for the use of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh for a speech that he will be giving during the visit to New Zealand. It has been arranged that the Duke will address representatives of scientific organisations on the morning of Wednesday, 13th January, 1954, and will afterwards lunch with some of the leaders of scientific movements in New Zealand. I propose initiating this function through the Royal Society of New Zealand which represents all scientific organisations, and talks to this end will later take place with that Society.

In the meantime, the question of the preparation of notes arises. The usual thing in connection with addresses by Royalty in a country they are visiting is for the Government of the country to arrange for the preparation of the speech, or of such notes as may be required to prepare it. In this case, in common with other speeches that either the Queen or the Duke of Edinburgh are to make, Buckingham Palace have asked for the preparation of suitable notes to be submitted to the Palace.

I have discussed the matter here with some of the leaders in the scientific world who are familiar with this matter, and it is the general consensus of opinion that in this case, as we have a Scientific Liaison Officer in London, Dr. Marsden, it would be more appropriate if the notes for the Duke's speech were prepared there. Dr. Marsden works in close collaboration with Sir Harold Hartley, a leading scientist in England, and Sir Harold in turn is one of the Duke's principal advisers on scientific matters. It is felt that Dr. Marsden, with his knowledge of science in New Zealand, and Sir Harold Hartley, with his knowledge of science generally, and a background to New Zealand that he obtained from a recent visit here, together with his close association with the Duke, could both adequately prepare the background notes that the Duke would wish to have for the preparation of his speech for this occasion.

Would you therefore be good enough to ask the High Commissioner's Office to acquaint Dr. Marsden with the situation, and request him to prepare material accordingly. I, in turn, will arrange for Buckingham Palace to contact him and, if necessary, Sir Harold Hartley, and he can then enter into discussion with the appropriate authorities at Buckingham Palace.

Naturally the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (I have already discussed the matter with Dr. Hamilton) and the Royal Society here (I have also discussed it with some of the Society's leaders) will, if Dr. Marsden desires, be only too happy to supply him with any material or with any thoughts that they have on suitable subjects for inclusion in the address. He could contact them direct for this information if he felt that he needed any.

Extra copies of this memorandum are attached for transmissi  
to London if you wish to do so.



Secretary for Internal Affairs.

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