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From the Secretary of State

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19 May 1982

Dear John

PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER FOR MR MULDOON

1 We provided, through the FCO, a brief on air services between the United Kingdom and New Zealand, since we had heard that Mr Muldoon was likely to raise this issue at tonight's dinner.

2 The brief refers to talks between Cathay Pacific Airways and Air New Zealand starting in Auckland today. We have heard direct from Cathay Pacific that these talks have made some progress, but that there are still major problems outstanding on the fares between Auckland and Hong Kong, where Air New Zealand are insisting on increases which in Cathay Pacific's view would make the service uneconomic. If the airlines cannot agree on the level of these fares when talks resume tomorrow, there will probably have to be further discussions at Government level between officials of the Department of Trade and of the New Zealand Ministry of Transport. It may be helpful for you to know the latest position so that you can tell the Prime Minister if you judge it appropriate.

3 I am sending a copy of this letter to Brian Fall (FCO).

Yours sincerely,

JOHN RHODES
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF MR. MULDOON

I attach briefs. We have not provided a time for talks because he has not asked for them. But you may want to take him aside, perhaps for coffee after dinner, and give him the opportunity to raise any matters on his mind.

There is a short speaking note in case you wish to make an after-dinner speech.

A. J. C.

18 May 1982



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

17 May, 1982

Dear John,

Visit of New Zealand Prime Minister to London: 14-22 May

I enclose briefing for the Prime Minister's dinner with Mr Muldoon on 19 May, and a personality note. I also attach some short notes for use should the Prime Minister wish to say a few words at dinner.

Mr Muldoon, who was last here for the Royal Wedding, is visiting London following the OECD Finance Ministers meeting in Paris which he chaired this year. Mr Muldoon normally visits the UK after this annual meeting and this year will also visit West Germany and Ireland.

Mr Muldoon will also be meeting separately with Mr Pym on 20 May and Mr Walker on 19 May.

The New Zealand High Commission have told us that when he sees the Prime Minister Mr Muldoon may mention the Falkland Islands, NZ/EC relations (including the 1983 butter arrangements), civil aviation and the proposed withdrawal of New Zealand's preferential tariff on British motor vehicles. These are covered in the briefing.

As the Prime Minister will know, Mr Muldoon usually likes to cultivate the press and may, as on previous occasions, talk to them frankly about his conversations with the Prime Minister. However, we expect that he will respect confidentiality if specifically asked to do so.

Yours ever

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Visit of the New Zealand
Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 22 February. The Prime Minister would be glad to offer a dinner in honour of Mr. Muldoon on 19 May. As you suggest, we can be in touch later about a guest list.

One factor which may influence numbers is whether Mr. Mugabe accepts the invitation to visit the United Kingdom which I understand Lord Carrington will be delivering this week. We envisage that if he does so, the Prime Minister will give a lunch for him on 19 May.

A J COLES

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cc Mrs Goodchild*

MR. THATCHER

Mr. Muldoon, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, is being entertained by the Prime Minister for dinner on Wednesday, 19 May.

Would you be available to co-host this dinner?

CAROLINE STEPHENS

23 February 1982



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

If Mugabe accept the invitation which Lord Carrington is delivering, with your agreement, then we will you may be giving him lunch on 19 May.

2. Content to give Mr. Muldoon dinner in the evening (it is a Wednesday)? Yes

22 February 1982

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Dear John,

Visit of the New Zealand Prime Minister

We have been informed by the New Zealand High Commission that Mr Muldoon will visit London on 19 and 20 May. The High Commission have told us that Mr Muldoon would be grateful if he could see the Prime Minister. On previous occasions (1979, 1980 and 1981) the Prime Minister has offered hospitality to Mr Muldoon. In terms of Anglo/New Zealand relations it would be most appropriate if the Prime Minister were able to offer a dinner in honour of Mr Muldoon. I understand that the evening of 19 May might be possible.

If the Prime Minister agrees, we will suggest a guest list. Perhaps you could let me know the number of guests in due course.

Yours ever

John Holmes

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