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From the Private Secretary

26 March 2001

Dear Patrick

NEW ZEALAND: NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER

Thank you for your letter of 23 March. The Prime Minister is content for the New Zealand Government to be informed that the Hon Russell Marshall would be welcome as High Commissioner in London, as proposed in your letter.

Yours ever

Anna Wechsberg

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23 March 2001

London SW1A 2AH

Dear Anna, file - ive replied.
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Appointment of a New High Commissioner for New Zealand

We have been informed that the New Zealand Government propose to appoint the Hon Russell Marshall, at present Chairman of New Zealand's Tertiary Education Advisory Commission (and a Minister in New Zealand's Labour Government from 1984-90), to be New Zealand High Commissioner to London, as successor to the Rt Hon Paul East QC. Understandably, New Zealand's Labour-led coalition want to replace the current High Commissioner, a former National MP and Minister, with one of their own. I enclose a brief curriculum vitae for Mr Marshall.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary welcomes this appointment. As you will be aware, it is not the practice between Commonwealth countries of which Her Majesty The Queen is Head of State to seek formal agreement to the appointment of a High Commissioner. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary would be grateful, however, if the Prime Minister would agree to our informing the New Zealand Government that the British Government will be glad to welcome Mr Marshall in London and looks forward to continuing with him the happy association which it enjoyed with his predecessor.

Although Mr Marshall is not due to arrive in London until February 2002, the New Zealand High Commission have said that they would be very grateful if we were able to process the formalities surrounding his appointment quickly. Since Mr Marshall is a public figure in New Zealand, they are concerned that news of his appointment might leak before the Prime Minister has welcomed it.

Yours ever,

Patrick

(Patrick Davies)
Private Secretary

Ms Anna Wechsberg
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FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM KATE LACKEY

The Governor-General has given his formal approval to the appointment of Hon Russell Marshall as High Commissioner to Britain. Grateful you seek concurrence with the relevant authorities, and advise when received. It is intended that Marshall take up his appointment in February 2002.

2 CV for Marshall is as follows

CURRICULUM VITAE

THE HON RUSSELL MARSHALL

Date of Birth 15 February 1936

Education Nelson College
Christchurch Teachers College
Trinity Theological College, Auckland
Auckland, Canterbury and Victoria Universities

Qualifications Diploma in Teaching (1967)
BA in History and Anthropology (Victoria 1993)
CNZM (2001)

Career Teacher 1955-6, 1972
Methodist Minister 1960-71 (Christchurch and Masterton)

Member NZ Labour Party since 1968
Member Wairarapa LEC 1969-71, Campaign Committee 1969

Member of Parliament for Wanganui 1972-90

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Minister of the Crown 1984-90 (portfolios included Education (1984-87), Conservation (1986-87), Foreign Affairs (1987-90), Pacific Islands Affairs (1988-90))

Acting Director, Page 90 Gallery, Porirua 1992-93
Part-time staff member, Porirua Museum 1993

Chairman, NZ National Commission for UNESCO, 1990-99 New Zealand Representative, UNESCO Executive Board 1995-99, New Zealand Permanent Representative to UNESCO 1997-99, Chairman, Executive Board Finance and Administration Commission 1997-99, Chairman, Administration Commission, 1999 General Conference

Chairman of Trustees, Africa Information Centre, 1991-95
(Trustee 1977-95)

Member, Commonwealth Observer Mission to Lesotho, 1993
Chairman, Commonwealth Observer Mission to South Africa,
January-May 1994

Chairman, Cambodia Trust (Aotearoa-NZ) 1994-
Director, Cambodia Trust (UK) 2000-
Member Nelson Mandela Trust (Aotearoa-NZ) 1994-
Member, Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and
Arms Control, 1997-2000

Chairman, Polytechnics International New Zealand 1994-
(consultancy)

Chairman, Education New Zealand Trust 1998-
(international student recruitment)

Chancellor, Victoria University of Wellington, 2000-
(Council member 1994-)

Chairman, Tertiary Education Advisory Commission, Dec
2000-

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From the Private Secretary

6 February 2001

Dear Sir John

NEW ZEALAND

Thank you for your letter of 1 February.

We have consulted the Prime Minister about post-CHOGM travel. The good news is that he accepts the strong case for visiting New Zealand immediately after CHOGM (while the Queen stays on in Australia). However this comes with one condition: having just completed Party Conference and CHOGM in quick succession, the Prime Minister will be wanting a light official programme with time for rest and relaxation. The official element would of course involve a good chunk of time with Helen Clark (whom the Prime Minister likes and is looking forward to seeing).

A consequence of going to New Zealand is that there may well not be time to fit in a separate bilateral visit to Australia. We have adjusted the Prime Minister's reply to John Howard so that it is more non-committal on this point than the FCO draft attached to Patrick Davies' letter of 1 February.

When you see Helen Clark later this month we would be grateful if you could pass on the following message:

- The Prime Minister firmly plans on visiting New Zealand after CHOGM;
- We can arrange this so there is no clash with the Queen's visit;
- Please do not make this public for now (election and Australia-handling sensitivities);

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- The Prime Minister will be coming to New Zealand directly after two high-profile and draining public events and immediately before a visit to the Gulf on the return leg. So he will be looking for a light official programme (but including quality time with Helen Clark) and an opportunity to take some time out to recover from a hectic schedule.

Yours ever

Michael

MICHAEL TATHAM

Sir John Kerr KCMG

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Dear Michael,

1. One of the less exciting exchanges in our RVC discussion on 30 January concerned New Zealand. I said that Prime Minister Helen Clark had asked to see me, when I am in Wellington on 13 February, because she hopes I will have news about a Blair visit, directly after CHOGM. Robin Janvrin told the RVC that he saw no risk of an overlap with The Queen's visit, because she would first be staying on in Australia, post-CHOGM. And I think I recall you kindly saying that you would get me a line, for use with Helen Clark, before I set off for New Zealand, on 9 February.

2. The New Zealand High Commissioner has since been in, fishing. They clearly are very keen on the idea of a Blair visit (first PM since Macmillan to go there, other than for a CHOGM; and warm New Labour sentiments from Helen Clark.) If the Blairs genuinely like the idea, I think I should tell Mrs Clark; and I also think we could rely on her, if I labour the point a bit when I see her, not to say anything in public until after the Election. (Her worry now will be principally about timing, and planning for the Royal Visit, which is no doubt already well advanced: but in light of the Janvrin RVC line I can assure her that there's no risk of a clash: the Blairs would be in and out of New Zealand before The Queen arrived.) Conversely, if the Blairs don't really like it, it might be best to kill the idea off quickly, and the best way of doing so might be to give me a personal note from the Prime Minister to hand over to Mrs Clark.

3. Naturally, since we in the FCO strongly favour the visit, I hope you will be giving me a positive line, rather than a negative letter – but could I have one or the other by the evening of 8 February?

Yours ever
John Kerr
John Kerr

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