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*Office of the Prime Minister
Apia, Western Samoa*

8 March, 1963

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Treaty of Friendship between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Western Samoa which was signed at Apia on 1 August 1962. Article V of the Treaty provides that the Government of New Zealand shall, for as long as the Government of Western Samoa wishes, and in such manner as will in no way impair the right of the Government of Western Samoa to formulate its own foreign policies, afford assistance to the Government of Western Samoa in the conduct of its international relations. Paragraph (a) of Article V then provides in particular that the Government of New Zealand will, when requested, act as the channel for communications between the Government of Western Samoa and other Governments and international organizations.

Pursuant to these provisions and to recent discussions between the two Governments, I have the honour to make the following proposals on behalf of the Government of Western Samoa :

1. The Government of New Zealand shall act as the official channel of communication :
 - (a) between the Government of Western Samoa and the Governments of all countries situated outside the immediate area of the South Pacific islands; and
 - (b) between the Government of Western Samoa and all international organizations having their headquarters outside that area.
2. On some occasions - and more especially in relation to negotiations for aid or technical assistance - the Government of Western Samoa may wish to communicate direct with Governmental authorities and with international organizations outside the area referred to in paragraph 1 above. Moreover, it may be agreed that certain routine matters should be handled by direct correspondence between the Government of Western Samoa and an international organization. In order, however, to put the Government of New Zealand in a position to carry out effectively its general function of acting as the channel of communications pursuant to paragraph 1 above, the Government of Western Samoa will ensure that the Government of New Zealand is kept informed of cases where the Government of Western Samoa maintains direct communication.

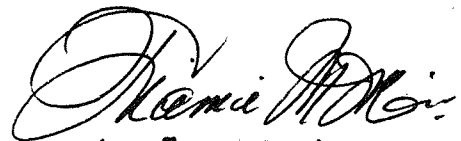
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His Excellency Mr J.B. Wright C.B.E.,
High Commissioner for New Zealand in
Western Samoa,
APIA, WESTERN SAMOA.

3. The detailed procedures for putting the terms of the foregoing paragraphs into effect shall be the subject of suitable administrative arrangements between the relevant authorities of the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Western Samoa.
4. As and when the Government of Western Samoa wishes to deal directly on an official basis with one or more of the Governments and organizations mentioned in paragraph 1 above it will notify the New Zealand Government and the present agreement shall cease to apply in the cases and to the extent so notified.

If the proposals contained in the present letter are acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, I have the honour to suggest that this letter and your reply in similar terms shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, with effect from today's date.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



(Fiamē M.F.M. II)
PRIME MINISTER

B 1963/4.



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND
APIA, WESTERN SAMOA

8 March 1963

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of today's date which reads as follows :

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Pursuant to these provisions and to recent discussions between the two Governments, I have the honour to make the following proposals on behalf of the Government of Western Samoa :

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Prime Minister of Western Samoa,
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If the proposals contained in the present letter are acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, I have the honour to suggest that this letter and your reply in similar terms shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, with effect from today's date."

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of New Zealand accepts the foregoing proposals and regards your letter and my present reply as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, with effect from today's date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



High Commissioner for New Zealand in Western Samoa