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and
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR THE PROVISION BY THE NEW ZEALAND NAVY TASK GROUP OF A VENUE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE LEADERS OF NORTH SOLOMONS PROVINCE

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NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION
PORT MORESBY

25 July 1990

Hon Benais Sabumei
Minister for Defence
MURRAY BARRACKS

My Dear Minister

I have the honour to refer to discussions between our two governments in which, at the request of the Government of Papua New Guinea, the Government of New Zealand has agreed to make available a Task Group of three ships of the Royal New Zealand Navy as the venue for negotiations between the Government of Papua New Guinea and the leaders of North Solomons Province.

I now propose on behalf of the Government of New Zealand that an agreement be reached between our two governments in this matter on the following terms:

All persons on or in transit to the ships and all servicemen and associated personnel who may be present from time to time on land or elsewhere outside the ships shall be accorded immunity from the jurisdiction of the Papua New Guinea authorities, except in any case where the New Zealand authorities

¹ Came into force on 25 July 1990, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.