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and
SOLOMON ISLANDS**

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND SOLOMON ISLANDS ON
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT BY A NEW ZEALAND
DEFENCE FORCE CONTINGENT TO SOLOMON ISLANDS
FOR EXERCISE TROPIC DAWN 94

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The Honourable Francis Saemala
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HONIARA

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS
ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT BY A NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE
CONTINGENT TO SOLOMON ISLANDS FOR EXERCISE TROPIC DAWN 94.

I have the honour to refer to the talks held between officials
from New Zealand and Solomon Islands in May 1994 concerning the
visit of a New Zealand Defence Force contingent to Solomon
Islands for Exercise TROPIC DAWN 94, to be held between 21 July
- 10 August 1994.

I now propose on behalf of the Government of New Zealand that
agreement be reached between our two Governments relating to
this exercise, on the following terms:

1. The Government of New Zealand shall send a contingent of
139 Army personnel to Solomon Islands during the period 21 July
- 10 August 1994, to take part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 94. An
advance group of six New Zealand servicemen will deploy by
civilian airline to arrive in Solomon Islands no later than 14
July 1994. The mainbody of the New Zealand contingent,
predominantly combat service support personnel, will deploy to
and from Solomon Islands by RNZAF Boeing 727 and Hercules C-130
aircraft, arriving no later than 21 July 1994. The contingent
will also include servicemen for mutual assistance training and
the provision of civic aid. The purpose of these groups is to:

- a. Exercise Group. Comprising of up to 120 Combat
Service Support personnel, to be based on the Island
of Nendo. This group will conduct in theatre

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indoctrination in the vicinity of Bottom Bay, an exercise in the vicinity of the Forestry Camp and post exercise administration and civic assistance in the vicinity of Lata.

- b. Civic Aid Group. Comprising of up to 10 engineers to be based on the Island of Nendo. This group will complete work on the Lata Hospital and maintenance on the Lata water supply facilities.
- c. Mutual Assistance Training Group. Comprising of up to nine personnel to be based in Honiara to conduct three courses for RSIPFF students.

2. For the purposes of this agreement and unless the context otherwise requires, the terms set out below shall have the following meanings:

"New Zealand contingent" means that group of New Zealand Servicemen who will be visiting Solomon Islands for the purpose of taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 94.

"New Zealand Serviceman" means an individual member of the New Zealand contingent.

"New Zealand Service authorities" means the authorities empowered by the law of New Zealand to exercise command and jurisdiction over members of the New Zealand contingent while they are participating in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 94.

"The Solomon Islands authorities" means the authorities from time to time designated by the Government of Solomon Islands for the purpose of exercising the powers in relation to which the term is used.

"Port of Entry" means the Port, International Airport or National Airforce Base at which the contingent disembarks.

"Training" includes the conduct of combined training in either country.

3. The Solomon Islands Government shall make available the following support to the Exercise Group:

- a. twenty RSIPFF personnel to be attached to the Exercise Group;
- b. the communication facilities belonging to The Royal Solomon Island Police (RSIP) in Honiara and Lata in the event of an emergency;
- c. accommodation in Honiara being RSIP facilities (if required);
- d. transport in Honiara being a 35 seater bus and a three ton Bedford truck (if required);

- e. accommodation in Nendo being the Government Fisheries Store for the storage of rations and exercise equipment;
- f. transport on Nendo being one three ton Government Forestry truck, for three days;
- g. land clearance for the use of the Bottom Bay area and the Forestry Camp area and the track linking these two areas;
- h. the use of the HF communications and hospital facilities on Nendo in the event of an emergency; and
- i. a Liaison Office (LO) from the RSIPFF to be attached to the Exercise Group, for the duration of the exercise.

4. The Government of Solomon Islands shall make available the following support to the Civic Aid Group:

- a. the communication facilities belonging to the RSIP in Honiara and Lata in the event of an emergency;
- b. accommodation in Honiara at RSIP facilities, (if required);
- c. accommodation on Nendo at the Police Shelter;
- d. transport on Nendo being one vehicle from the RSIP to be available at Lata;
- e. all materials required for the completion of the accepted CAT tasks; and
- f. a LO from the RSIPFF to be attached to the CAT for the duration of the tasks.

5. The Solomon Islands Government shall make available the following support to the Mutual Assistance Training Group:

- a. accommodation at Rove Barracks, Honiara, for the duration of the deployment;
- b. fresh rations at Rove Barracks for the duration of the deployment;
- c. a LO from the RSIPFF for the duration of the courses, (request Sgt E. Sikua, Training Sgt Ops, RSIPFF);
- d. training areas including facilities in and around Rove Barracks;
- e. the required equipment, to complete improvements to the Tenaru Range before the 14 July 1994;

- f. the use of the RSIPFF small arms weapons, magazines and cleaning kits, for a small arms shooting coaches course;
 - g. resources support for the small arms shooting coaches course;
 - h. resources support for a patrol first aid course;
 - i. resources support for a patrol commanders course;
 - j. six RSIPFF personnel to assist with the patrol commanders course;
 - k. transport, for the duration of the courses;
6. The Government of Solomon Islands shall make available the following support to the advance party and VIP party:
- a. one vehicle for transport in Honiara and on Nendo Island, and;
 - b. accommodation for the advance party in RSIP Barracks in Honiara, and the LATA Guest House on Nendo.
 - c. accommodation for the VIP party.
7. The Government of New Zealand shall supply rations and ammunition for RSIPFF personnel taking part in the field exercise and Mutual Assistance Training courses.
- The Government of Solomon Islands shall not levy any charges against the Government of New Zealand for the use of RSIP transport and accommodation facilities.
8. The Government of Solomon Islands shall not levy landing charges against the Government of New Zealand for the use of airport facilities in Solomon Islands in connection with Exercise TROPIC DAWN 94.
9. Solomon Islands authorities shall facilitate the entry of the New Zealand contingent in Solomon Islands by not requiring passports of its members. The following documents shall, however, be required for entry into Solomon Islands:
- a. a personal identity card issued by the appropriate authority of the Government of New Zealand showing the full name, date of birth, rank and number, Service and photograph of the holder.
 - b. an individual or collective movement order issued by an appropriate authority and certifying to the status of the individual or group as a member of a New Zealand contingent.