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March 24, 1982

Dear Governor Ariyoshi:

The White House has referred your letter to the President of March 6 concerning the damage caused by Cyclone Issac in Tonga to the Department of State.

I am pleased to inform you that the United States Government and American charitable organizations have responded to the Tongan Government's appeal for disaster assistance. Pive hundred tents, 300 cotton blankets, 200 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter and 500 water jugs were airlifted to Nuku'alofs from A.I.D.'s stockpile in Guam on Harch 13 and 16. We have also purchased some 300 hurricane lanterns in Piji and sent them to Tonga, and paid the freight costs for 300 tents denated by the Seventh Day Adventists.' Pinally, the U.S. Government will be providing between \$100,000 and \$200,000 worth of tare to replenish food supplies destroyed by the cylcone. Throughout this cificial effort, we have taken care to work closely with private voluntary organizations, including the Red Cross, whose efforts in Bawaii and on the West Const have made possible further shipments of relief supplies to Tonga.

The flow of equipment and assistance to Tonga, from the United States, and particularly from the residents of Hawaii, from Pacific island nations and from Australia and New Zealand has been deeply appreciated by the government and people of the Kingdom of Tonga, and reflects the concern all of us share -- and which you expressed in your letter -- to come to the aid of a friend in distress.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Brand
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

The Honorable
George R. Ariyoshi
Governor of Rawaii
Bonolulu, Bawaii

#### THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

#### REFERRAL

MARCH 26, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATTN: JOYCE CURRY

ACTION REQUESTED:

APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID:

064342

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 6, 1982

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

THE HONORABLE GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI

GOVERNOR OF HONOLULU HONOLULU HI 96813

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THE U. S. OFFER AND MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES TO THE KINGDOM OF TONGA WHICH WAS DEVASTATED BY A TROPICAL CYCLONE ON MAR 3 82

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO: AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 62, THE WHITE HOUSE

> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 23, 1982

Dear Governor Ariyoshir

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent letter regarding the damage to the Kingdom of Tonga caused by a tropical cyclone.

Please know that I have referred your letter to the Department of State for their consideration and response.

We appreciate your sharing your concerns regarding this matter with the Administration.

Sincerely,

James M. Medas Special Assistant to the President For Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable George P. Ariyoshi Governor of Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI

March 6, 1982

064342

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On March 3, the Kingdom of Tonga was devastated by a tropical cyclone that wreaked considerable havoc and damage to the island. Reports indicate that the storm killed several dozen people, left many missing, thousands destitute, and almost half of the capital of Nukualofa submerged in water.

While Australia and New Zealand have taken the lead initially to come to Tonga's aid, I believe it would be prudent and humanitarian for our country also to offer and make available appropriate types of assistance and resources.

Our local Tongan community, as well as the Hawaii Chapter of the Red Cross, have begun to mobilize and presently are seeking assistance and contributions from the residents of our State. I assure you that any effort from the United States government will be greatly appreciated by the King and Queen of Tonga, its people, and those of us who feel a special kinship and affinity for the island kingdom.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

George R. Ariyoshi

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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Dear Governor Tenorio:

President Reagan has asked that I respond to your letter of Earch 12 concerning aid to the people of Tonga in light of the destruction caused by Cyclone Isaac.

I am pleased to inform you that the United States Covernment and American charitable organizations have responded to the Tongan Government's appeal for disanter assistance. Five hundred tents, 300 cotton blankets, 200 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter and 500 water jugs were airlifted to Nuku'alofa from A.I.D.'s stockpile in Guam on March 13 and 16. We have also purchased some 300 hurricane lanterns in Fiji and sent them to Tonga, and paid the freight costs for 300 tents donated by the Seventh Day Adventists. Finally, the U.S. Government will be providing between \$180,600 and \$200,000 worth of two to replanish food supplies destroyed by the cylcone. Throughout this official effort, we have taken care to work closely with private voluntary organizations, including the Red Cross, whose efforts in Nawaii and on the West Coast have made possible further shipments of relief supplies to Tonga.

The flow of equipment and assistance to Tonga, from the United States and her territories, from Pacific island nations and especially from our friends and allies Australia and New Zealand has been deeply appreciated by the government and people of the Ringdom of Tonga, and reflects the concern all of us share -- and which you expressed in your letter -- to come to the aid of a friend in distress.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Brand

Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

The Honorable
Pedro P. Tenorio,
Governor of the Commonwealth of
the Northern Mariana Islands,
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

### THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE REFERRAL

MARCH 22, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID:

066186

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 12, 1982

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

THE HONORABLE PEDRO P. TENORIO GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN MARIANA

**ISLANDS** 

SAIPAN CM 96950

SUBJECT: URGES UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO THE

KINGDOM OF TONGA WHICH WAS DEVASTATED BY A

TROPICAL CYCLONE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor

Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing you as a Pacific island leader who is deeply concerned about the health, safety and well-being of the people of the Kingdom of Tonga. Recently, the Kingdom of Tonga was devastated by a tropical cyclone and much, if not all, of its infrastructure and crops has been damaged or destroyed.

I realize that the Kingdom of Tonga is not a member of the American family. However, I am aware that you may use the prestige of your office with philanthropic groups and international organizations, such as the Red Cross, in order to provide aid and sustenance to the people of Tonga. Any assistance you can provide during this unfortunate time would, I am sure, be greatly appreciated by the people of the island Kingdom of Tonga.

Sincerely,

EDRO P. TENORIO

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December 3, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Ambassador to the United States from the

Kingdom of Tonga (S/S 8236064)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tonga to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Carry J. Clevelons Michael O. Wheeler for Staff Secretary

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 24, 1982

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DAVID LAUX

SUBJECT:

Agrement for Tongan Ambassador

The Agrement regarding the appointment of Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau of the Kingdom of Tonga is attached for your approval. I agree with the view that Mr. Taumoepeau will be an acceptable ambassador.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the Wheeler-Bremer memorandum at Tab I.

Approve LCn/

Disapprove \_\_\_\_

#### Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Wheeler Signature to Bremer

Tab II Background Material from State



#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

S/S 8236064 ,XR=8232979 **CONFIDENTIAL** 

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 22, 1982 23 A|2: 15

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau of the Kingdom of Tonga as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Kingdom of Tonga has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tonga to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Taumoepeau is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Taumoepeau will make an excellent ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

#### Attachments:

- 1. Biography.
- 2. Note dated October 6, 1982 from Embassy of the Kingdom of Tonga.

(UNCLASSIFIED UPON REMOVAL OF ATTACHMENTS)

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BIOGRAPHY - Sonatana Tu'a Taumoepeau

#### Kingdom of Tonga

Since 1979, Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau has served as the Kingdom of Tonga's Secretary for Foreign Affairs, responsible for the day-to-day management of his country's foreign relations. Prior to that appointment he held a variety of government positions, among which are: Deputy Secretary to Government in the Prime Minister's Office, Palace Office (similar to the Royal Household in the United Kingdom), and First Secretary, Tongan High Commission in London. He also served as a commissioned officer in the Tongan Defense Forces.

Born March 14, 1943 in Tonga, Taumoepeau studied at Newington College in Sydney, Australia, from 1953 to 1962, and at the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969.

He visited the United States in 1981 as a grantee of the Visitor Program of the International Communication Agency.

He is married to Amelia Latuniua Ahome'e and the couple has one son and two daughters.

State Department officers who have met Taumoepeau expect that he will make an excellent ambassador to this country.

A thorough search of U.S. Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

CONFIDENTIAL DECL: OADR

Telephone 01-839 3287-8 Telegrams Tonhicom London S. W.1 Telex 8954094 Tonhi G.

Our Reference D1/10 Your Reference



Embassy of the Kingdom of Tonga, New Lealand House, Haymarket.

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6 October 1982

The Secretary of State, Department of State, 00201 C Street North West, Washington D.C. 20520, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I will be relinquishing my appointment as Ambassador of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United States of America in early December 1982.

My successor is to be Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau whose curriculum vitae is attached. I would be grateful to receive your agreemnt to his appointment in due course.

In view of the non resident nature of my accreditation, I would be honoured to call and pay my respects before my final departure.

> I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration

> > Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FALETAU Ambassador

National Security Council The White House 439

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TAUMOEPEAU, SONATANE

SUBJECT: APPT OF TAUMOEPEAU AS AMB TO US

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February 18, 1986

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Ambassador to the United States from

the Kingdom of Tonga (9)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Mr. Siaosi Taimani 'Aho as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tonga to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Tonga. (2)

Executive Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

#### CONFIDENTIAL

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February 18, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

DAVID L. LAUX

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Mr. Siaosi Taimani 'Aho of Tonga as

Ambassador to the United States

The Government of Tonga has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Mr. Siaosi Taimani 'Aho as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tonga to the United States The Tonga inquiry and biographic sketch are at Tab II. The State Department assessment and Embassy comments are at Tab III.

I agree with the State Department's assessment that Siaosi Taimani 'Aho should be an excellent ambassador. Like his predecessor, he will be resident in London, and accredited to the U.S., UK, France and Germany.

Gaston Sigur concurs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the memorandum of concurrence to Nicholas Platt at Tab I.  $\dot{\psi}$ 

Approve Atr

Disapprove\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Nicholas Platt

Tab II Cable from Tonga

Tab III State letter dated February 13 and bio

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Your Reference



Embassy of the Kingdom of Tonga,

New Kealand House,

Haymarkel,

London,

S. W. 1.

30th December, 1985

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I will be relinquishing my appointment as Ambassador of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United States of America on 21 January 1986.

My successor is to be Mr. Siaosi Taimani 'Aho whose curriculum vitae is attached. I should be grateful to receive your agrement to his appointment in due course.

Pending the arrival of my successor Captain the Honourable S.M. Tuita, Minister/Counsellor will be in charge of the mission as Charge d'affaires ad interim.

I have the honour to be, with highest consideration Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

S.T. TAUMOEPEAU-TUPOU

Ambassador

The Secretary of State, Department of State, WASHINGTON D.C., 20520, Solophone 01–839 3287–8 Telegramo Tonhicom London S. W.1 Telex 8954094 Tonhi G.

Our Reference Your Reference



Tonga High Commission, New Kealand House, Haymarket, London, S.W.1.

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ACTION is assigned to

The High Commissioner for Tonga presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador the United States of America and has the to requests his assistance in transmitting enclosed letter to The Secretary of State in Washington. The letter informs the Secretary the Recall of Ambassador Taumoepeau-Tupou and seeks the agrement to his successor Mr. S.T. 'Aho.

The High Commissioner for Tonga avails himself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency of the Ambassador of the United States America the assurances of his highest consideration.

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30 December 1985

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6 JAN 1986
AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE



# CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. SIAOSI TAIMANI 'AHO AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE

NAME: MR. SIAOSI TAIMANI 'AHO

BIRTH: 18 JANUARY, 1939

EDUCATION: AUCKLAND GRAMMAR

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
AUCKLAND TEACHER'S
TRAINING COLLEGE

QUALIFICATION: B.A. AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

1ST FEBRUARY 1965

APPOINTED ASSISTANT TEACHER
WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

TAUGHT AT TONGA HIGH SCHOOL
AND TONGA COLLEGE

1ST DECEMBER, 1972 PROMOTED TO POST OF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

21 OCTOBER, 1976 APPOINTED 1ST SECRETARY TONGA HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

(1228)

February 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Siaosi Taimani 'Aho of the Kingdom of Tonga as Ambassador to the United States

The Government of the Kingdom of Tonga has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Siaosi Taimani 'Aho as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tonga to the United States (TAB 2). A biography of Mr. 'Aho is attached (TAB 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mr. 'Aho will make a successful Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Bookmly bookicholas Platt Executive Secretary

#### Attachments:

- 1. Biography.
- 2. Diplomatic Note, December 30, 1985.



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May 28, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Grant S. Green, Jr.

Executive Secretary

National Security Council

SUBJECT:

Letter dated April 10, 1987 from

King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV regarding

visit to Washington

ID #8703832

The attached correspondence was forwarded to the Department of State for draft reply for the President.

We have reviewed the correspondence and believe that action on this matter more appropriately rests with Mr. Thomas Reese, Coordinator, Food for Peace, Agency for International Development, Room 402, Department of State, SA-8.

Office of the Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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Secretariat,

Plese send to AID at State for a Draft Reply.

Thanks P

Peggy Jordan for Doug Paal

May 15, 1987

MEMORANDUM TO:

HONORABLE DOUGLAS PAAL

DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AFFAIRS

FROM:

WILMER D. MIZELL

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Enclosed is a letter from the King of Tonga to the President that you and I discussed over the phone.

Thank you for your assistance.



ROYAL PALACE Nuku'alofa Tonga SOUTH PACIFIC

April 10, 1987

The President White House Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for the wonderful time afforded myself and my staff during our recent visit. Mr. Doug Coe and his people were most helpful in arranging the important meetings I was able to attend.

We are looking forward to our second annual prayer breakfast July 4th this year. Thank you for allowing Mr. Mizell to be the guest speaker at our first prayer breakfast last year.

I would like to request your assistance in the USDA PL 480 program. I have appointed my son Prince Ma'atu and Mr. Clifford Johnston to oversee any programs that might be made available to Tonga.

We appreciate the assistance Mr. Mizell has given to help us build a stronger relationship with you and the United States.

We are praying for you and asking God to give you wisdom in making the many decisions necessary to run your great nation.

Your Friend in Christ

Taufa'ahau Tupou IV

King of Tonga

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND

DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM:

C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR.

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Draft Proclamation: United States - Kingdom of

Tonga Centenary

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced draft proclamation, and we have no legal objection to its issuance by the President.

Thank you for submitting this proclamation for our review.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Document No. 512-859

June 9, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR:

A. B. CULVAHOUSE
NANCY RISQUE
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FROM:

Dan Engler for ANNE HIGGINS 94 OEOB

SUBJECT:

(Draft Proclamation)
<u>United States-Kingdom of Tonga</u>
<u>Centenary</u>

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating the five-day period from June 30, 1988, to July 4, 1988, as the National Observance of the Centennial of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between the U.S. and the Kingdom of Tonga.

It was submitted by the Department of State and edited/revised by this office.

(IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.) Written response required by no later than C.O.B. June , 1988. For routine clearance, call Amy Miller, extension 7610. For questions or discussion, call Dan Engler, extension 7610. Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler



## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUN 1 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

James C. Murr

Acting Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

SUBJECT:

United States - Kingdom of Tonga Centenary

Attached is a proclamation which both the Department of State and the National Security Council recommend you issue -- it is required neither traditionally nor by statute. This proclamation would designate the five-day period from June 30, 1988 to July 4, 1988, as the National Observance of the Centennial of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between the United States and the Kingdom of Tonga.

The proposed proclamation was submitted by the Department of State and editorial changes were made in this Office.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Attachment

#### UNITED STATES-KINGDOM OF TONGA CENTENARY

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

On August 1, 1888, representatives of the United States of America and the King of Tonga concluded a Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation providing for perpetual peace and amity between the United States and the King of Tonga, his heirs, and his successors. This treaty marked the auspicious beginning of an enduring friendship. In the century since King George Tupou I, or Taufa'ahau, as he was known to his people, signed the treaty in Nukualofa, relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Tonga have remained strong and steadfast.

Over the last hundred years, enormous changes have transformed the world; yet the basic ideals shared by the United States and the Kingdom of Tonga -- love of country and respect for freedom and independence -- have remained unaltered. Our relationship began when our countries were separated by vast ocean spaces. Now, modern means of communication have shrunk these physical barriers and permitted the cultural and human bonds between us to strengthen.

Throughout this period, Americans and Tongans have enriched each other's culture through exchanges of teachers, scholars, and missionaries. Tongans have contributed to the culture of America in fields such as academia, sports, and entertainment. Our understanding of Tonga's rich social and anthropological history has grown as more people have become interested in the South Pacific.

In the late 18th century, Captain James Cook, the British navigator, called Tonga the Friendly Islands. Tens of thousands of American servicemen were stationed in Tongatapu during World War II. Tonga served as an important supporting

base for our military operations in the Southwest Pacific. In fact, the first U.S. Navy Seabee battalion ever formed built Tonga's airfield and main wharf, both of which remain in use today.

As we enter the second century of our relationship, we can recall our past accomplishments with satisfaction and look to the future with anticipation. The United States and Tonga will continue their mutual commitment to the principles of freedom and independence. Our common goal is to ensure a safe and peaceful world for future generations.

It is particularly appropriate to commemorate the unique relationship between our countries when the people of Tonga are preparing to celebrate the 70th birthday of their beloved King, Taufa'ahau Tupou IV. Under the safe leadership of His Royal Highness the King, the friendship between our countries has flourished and will endure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 30 to July 4, 1988, as a period of national observance of the centennial of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Tonga and of the ties of friendship that bind our two peoples.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

day of , in the year of our Lord

nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of
the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### Office of the Press Secretary

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Mr. Paul Schott Stevens FOR:

Executive Secretary

National Security Council

The White House

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We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
Other (see remarks).
REMARKS:



#### United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 13, 1988

Her Grace the Duchess of Manchester Manchester Estate Hillsborough, California 94101

Dear Madame;

I have been asked to respond to your letter of August 22, 1988 to President Reagan. Regarding the prohibition on the import of your Rolls Royce, we contacted the Tongan High Ccommission in London and were informed that there are at least two Rolls Royces currently in Tonga, and, with regard to American manufactured cars, that "there is no prohibition on the import of American manufactured cars into Tonga." Clearly this information is in contradiction to what you have been told, and I would need additional information to resolve the discrepancy.

As a friend of late Queen Salote, I am sure you will be pleased to know that under her son, King Tauf'ahau Tupou IV, Tonga has been a staunch friend of the United States. For example, when elements in other South Pacific nations were raising questions about port calls by United States Navy vessels, King Tupou made it clear that Tonga would continue to welcome such visits.

With regard to your report on the activities of the Tongan Consul in San Francisco, he is newly appointed, and as yet we have received no other information about his statements and activities. I certainly hope that he will in the end prove to be a capable representative for his country. I hope this information is of use to you, and if I can be of any further assistance please feel free to write to me.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McKune

Director, Pacific Island

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Affairs

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SEPTEMBER 8, 1988

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 22, 1988

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MS. MARGARET

DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER MANCHESTER ESTATE

HILLSBOROUGH CA 94101

SUBJECT: TONGAN ISSUES - FAMILY RELATED TO BRITISH

ROYAL FAMILY

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

S, Kelley
Dear President Reagan,

Before his untimely passing, my late husband, the Duke of Manchester, although English, and I, being American, were greatly supportive of your campaigns for Governor and Presidency. My late husband's eldest son by a former marriage is the Earl of Ogilvy, who is married to Princess Alexandra, sister of the Duke of Kent, and both are first cousins of Queen Elizabeth. Everytime they are in the United States, the British Royal Family always stop by here for a visit.

The Duke and I had developed a cherished friendship with the late Queen of Tonga, Queen Salote and we had wanted to do something memorable in her name in that country. Even though I am now in my eighties, I had wanted to donate some monies to complete a castle built in her memory in the main village of Tonga which I understand from various sources that it remains unfinished for decades now and is an eyesore to all who view the incomplete structure. I had asked my neighbors, themselves diplomats from European countries to help me with arrangements to go to Tonga. I had wanted to take my own Rolls Royce and chauffer, and maid, etc to Tonga. Unfortunately I am told that Tonga had made into law restrictive prohibitions of entry into Tonga any American vehicles, with no exceptions. This has vexed and grieved me greatly. I thought we are on friendly terms with Tonga but now her restrictions made into law of entry into Tonga of American vehicles sound very anti-American and very communistic. As Americans we should not tolerate that anti-American move by Tonga. Will you please look into/matter before you leave Office President Reagan? /this

If Tonga is forbidding American vehicles from entry into her country, then she should do likewise with all other foreign countries and should also forbid all other vehicles from those countries. Why is the United States the only country focused on for prohibition? My diplomat neighbors tell me that Tongan Consular Chief to the United States is being shunned in the diplomatic community of San Francisco. Apparently he is a novice at diplomatic strategies because he said in a speech recently that he was chosen because of his intelligence and that intelligence is a commodity greatly lacking in Tonga especially among his own superiors. This is in his view proven by the fact that Tongan Minister of Justice and he recently returned from New York where they were trying to track down some American investors of dubious personages, and if Tonga has Intelligence, all this could have been taken of from Tonga itself. He continued to say that his marriage to the King's niece greatly helped his appointment because administrative incest in various forms of active nepotism, and actual incest flourishes greatly in Tonga. That alone has alienated me from doing anything further with that country, or that Consul Chief whom I had wanted to invite to dinner, all in sweet memory of mine and the late Duke's cherished friendship with the late Queen Salote.

I urgently appeal to you President Reagan to immediately investigate information in the latter part of paragraph 2 of this letter. We should sever all ties with any country who refuse our American vehicles and American goods and friendly commerce. I immensely enjoyed your speech in the Republican Convention, and Nancy looked lovely as usual.

Sincerely,

Margaret, Duchess of Manchester

P.S. Tongan Consular Chief also said his main work so far has been to stem the slaughter of horses, cows, pigs, and dogs by Tongans for Tongan family picnics and traditional observations. How horrid, and disgusting.

