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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter of 10 April informing me of the establishment of a Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs from four members of the South Pacific Forum, to examine various implications of establishing a Single Regional Organisation in the Pacific, and for the summary of the Committee's recent activities. It was very helpful to have this account.

We will be pleased to receive the Committee in London and welcome the opportunity of having discussions with them. If they wish also to visit the Pitcairn Islands we will certainly do what we can to facilitate their visit. I look forward to hearing more about the timing of any visits proposed.

As you say, the United Kingdom are aware of the consideration that has been given in recent years to the question of the most appropriate regional organisation for the South Pacific. We have maintained a close interest in the way thinking has developed and will look forward to having a full exchange of views with the Committee when they come to London.

In addition, I was most grateful for your offer to keep me informed of any developments which may occur as a result of the Four-Nation Ministerial Committee's consultations and meetings.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Hon. R.J.L. Hawke, AC, MP.