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10th. September, 1928.

MEMORANDUM for:

The Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister,
WELLINGTON.

The Maori Members have considered the matters on which you requested their specific recommendations, and have the honour to recommend as follows:

A. Matters arising from the report of the Native Land Commission (1920-21):

- (1) Waipuku-Patea recommended a payment of £4323. We think that the payment should be spread over four years.
- (2) Aorangi and Patutahi: We think that two Judges of the Native Land Court should be empowered to assess the amount of compensation payable and the form and method of payment.
- (3) Ngai-Tahu Claim: The Commission recommended specifically the payment of £354,000. We recommend that the claim be settled as follows:
 - (a) Setting aside £100,000 as a general fund for the benefit of the claimant Ngai-Tahu as ascertained by the Native Land Court to bear interest at four per centum. The annual amount of £4000 to be administered by a Board on the lines of the Arawa Trust Board.
 - (b) The balance, £254,000 to be paid in fifteen equal annual instalments to the beneficiaries ascertained by the Court:

B. The matters arising out of the Confiscated Land Commission's Report.

Summarised the Commission recommended:

In re Taranaki Confiscations	5,000	a year
" " Waikato	3,000	" "
" " Whakatohea	300	" "
" " Kauhoroa	300	" "
	<u>8,600</u>	" "

In regard to Petition No. 37 from the Taranaki District, one payment of £300 was recommended. In regard to Petition No. 7 from the Bay of Plenty District, it was recommended that some land in the locality of Matata be given to Petitioners.

We do not think that the Commission has given adequate consideration to the position of the Bay of Plenty Tribes under the confiscations which deprived them of so much of their lands. A factor to be considered is that the source of the disquiet and rebellion was in the grievances which led to the wars in Taranaki and Waikato.

Looking at the whole matter from a national standpoint and with due regard to the circumstances of the backward tribes whose backwardness was due to the effect upon them of the confiscations we think that annual payments on the lines recommended by the Commission amounting to £12,500 would not be unreasonable. We recommend a distribution as follows:-

Taranaki	5000
Waikato	4500
Bay of Plenty	2600
Kauhoroa	<u>400</u>
	<u>12500</u>

It has been found in connection with the Arawa Trust Board that these annual funds are in fact special contributions from the Consolidated Fund towards education, health, farming, and other public purposes, and are not for the benefit of individual members of the tribe. This should weigh with the Government in arriving at a decision in regard to this important question.

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