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Commander, Republic of Fiji Military Forces  
RFMF HQ  
**Nabua**

Dear Commander,

I want to thank you again for our meeting in Wellington. I apologize for the inconvenience to you and your family. However, it was very important for Fiji, and I thank you for agreeing to change your return travel plans.

The New Zealand High Commissioner to Fiji, His Excellency Mr Michael Green, will have sent you the record of our meeting in Wellington. It is acceptable to me, and I trust it is acceptable to you.

I have briefed the Chairman of the Great Council of Chiefs Committee on the outcome of our Wellington meeting.

I am also arranging to call on Their Excellencies the President and Vice President this morning to inform them of the progress we have made in our discussions.

What is far-reaching about the initiative we have taken in engaging in direct dialogue is our agreement that the best solution to resolving differences between Government and the Military is the peaceful path of discussions and consensus.

Through this letter, I am reaffirming my undertakings to you and the Military on behalf of Government. This is in response to the RFMF's various concerns.

As I have done on a number of occasions, I reiterate Government's acknowledgement of the illegality of the events of 2000. In this regard, Government will, through the Ministry of National Reconciliation & Unity and the National Council for Reconciliation and Unity, mount a proactive public campaign to inform the people that the unlawful takeover of the democratic Government in May 2000, and the attempt to takeover the Military in November that year, were all wrongful acts in law. I have also

