

2 November 1984

Walter Lini,  
Prime Minister,  
Port Vila,  
Vanuatu.

Dear Walter Lini,

Greetings from Aotearoa.

I am writing to you to let you know of the latest Greenpeace campaign in the Pacific. As you know, we have had several voyages to Moruroa, to protest the continuing nuclear testing there - but the French have now announced that they intend testing for another 15 years at least. Therefore, Greenpeace is planning to return once more to Moruroa in 1985.

However, this is to be a bit different to previous voyages, as we will be sailing the larger boat, named the Rainbow Warrior- a 145 foot converted trawler, with additional sails, as well as the small veteran protest yacht, Greenpeace III, which will both sail for Moruroa. But we also plan on protesting about the US missile testing at Kwajalein, and the plight of the atomic bomb victims in the Marshall Islands.

So you can see that it is a rather ambitious campaign being mapped out. The plan at present is for the Rainbow Warrior to sail through the Panama Canal in early January, '85, and sail to Hawaii first, to meet up with the NFIP people, then sail for the Marshalls, where some type of non-violent direct action will take place. Then the boat will depart the Marshalls at the end of March, heading south, calling in, possibly at Kiribati, which has been prominent at the London Dumping Convention, then south to Vanuatu, as we feel it important to highlight the fact that there are nations in the Pacific with positive non-nuclear policies, as well as the nuclear testing nations.

Therefore, we are requesting permission for the Rainbow Warrior to call at Port Vila - the exact time is not known, as much will depend on events in the Marshalls. However, it would probably be about the middle/late part of April, '85.

The boat will then head south again for Auckland, where it will stay a couple of weeks preparing for the voyage up to Moruroa, in company with the Greenpeace III yacht, the first week in June. These are the plans - circumstances could alter them somewhat, but I will keep you informed.

The year 1985 is important for many reasons - in particular, the London Dumping Convention will be meeting at the conclusion of the moratorium on all nuclear waste dumping. As this will be a vital time, with the Japanese Govt already preparing for its first dumping action, in the Pacific, and other nations also awaiting the final decision with interest. It seems of vital importance that as many Pacific nations become signatories as possible to this Convention, as have Nauru and Kiribati, so they can play a strong role to halt the dumping of such wastes in our oceans.

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Incidentally, Walter, I attended a meeting in Tokyo on August 14, ~~also~~ discuss with ~~members~~ of the Science and Technology Agency the planned ~~for~~ Japanese nuclear dumping. They told us that while in the past they had indicated they would wait until they had the 'understanding' of Pacific nations, this was no longer so. They told us they would wait until the LDC had made its decision, then would go ahead with the dump programme.

Therefore, it is even more urgent that as ~~many~~ nations as possible join the Convention, and wondered if Vanuatu was considering such a possibility?

Another important meeting to take place in 1985 is the third Review of the Non Proliferation Treaty. We hope, during the voyage of the Rainbow Warrior to draw attention to the fact that France - and China - have not signed this document, and perhaps persuade them that such a course could strength this rather unsatisfactory treaty. Again, we feel that the NPT Review needs the support of as many nations as possible, including the small, outspoken nations such as Vanuatu. With Aotearoa also now a non-nuclear nation (for the time being at least....) it seems the Pacific could play a large part in ensuring a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty might become a reality, ~~providing~~ the NPT is ~~given~~ enough teeth at the 1985 Review.

I realise I have covered a lot of things in this letter - as I don't write very often, they seem to accumulate. However, with the voyage of the Greenpeace boats in the Pacific, I feel we have a great opportunity to seize the chance to put the Pacific point of view. The international Greenpeace organisation is working on this campaign, so we hope to have full European participation as well as the US and Canada.

We will be working with the people of the Marshalls, and Tahiti on both parts of the campaign - Giff Johnson will be working with us in the Marshalls, as he will be returning there later this month to rejoin his wife, Darlene Keju. And we are working with various Tahitian activists, some who have been visiting Auckland recently. Therefore, I feel it could be a very worthwhile, productive year.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Shaw  
Greenpeace ~~New Zealand~~.

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