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Tēnā koe Andrew

RE: REPATRIATION OF MĀORI AND MORIORI KŌIWI TANGATA

Thank you for forwarding the comprehensive dossier of letters and reports for our comments prior to the Trustees meeting in April. Te Papa and the Karanga Aotearoa Programme do appreciate the careful and thorough way the British Museum has dealt with our repatriation application and hope for a good outcome from the Trustees.

We have a number of comments to make on your summary report to the Trustees as well as Ms Bolton's report and have attached these. We would be grateful if these can be considered with our application, along with a set of our information resources. If you require more copies of these please let us know by email (susanf@tepapa.govt.nz).

We are confident that the case has been securely put to demonstrate our Government mandate to carry out this work on behalf of iwi (Māori and Moriori). We also consider that our track record of international and domestic repatriations should be regarded as evidence of our commitment to carry out the work of returning kōiwi/koimi tangata to their descendant communities with quiet dignity. Attached is a record of all repatriations since the Karanga Aotearoa Programme started in 2004, plus a list of all recent approvals and imminent domestic repatriations.

We would like to re-assert our claim for the following ancestral remains:

7 Toi moko (Oc1913,0519.1; Oc1921,1014.1; Oc1925-46; Oc +1998; Oc NZ69; Oc NZ70; Oc NZ71)

9 kōiwi tangata (Oc1895-396; Oc1895-397; Oc1895-627; Oc1985-628; Oc1895-629; Oc1895-630; Oc1895-631; Oc1895-633; Oc1895-634)



If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me or the researcher assigned to The British Museum (Susan Forbes). Thank you again for compiling the necessary information for the Trustees meeting on our behalf.

Nāku noa, nā



Te Herekīkie Herewini
KARANGA AOTEAROA PROGRAMME MANAGER

