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**MUSEUM**  
OF NEW ZEALAND

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Dr Louis Necker  
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Musée d'Ethnographie de la Ville de Genève  
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Dear Dr Necker

I am pleased to report that the *mokomokai* from the Musée d'Ethnographie is now safely in our vault in New Zealand.

On behalf of the Museum's Council, I thank you and René Fuerst for your co-operation in arranging the long-term loan of the head.

Thank you also for your hospitality during my visit to Genève. I have mentioned to my staff your idea of a visiting New Zealand scholar in Pacific ethnology, and it was greeted with much interest. I will keep the idea alive and we must discuss it again.

Right now our staff are extremely excited and busy, because the new museum I told you about in May has been approved by our government. It will take just over 5 years to construct, but there is much detailed planning to be done, as you can imagine.

I enclose for your interest some details of the proposed building, and would be happy to answer any questions you might have in relation to your own plans.

Once again, I thank you for your co-operation. My best wishes to your wife and René.

Yours sincerely,



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Director  
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cc: Dr von Schenck, Ambassador for  
Switzerland