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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir

Tiwai Point

I note from the report of the Annual Meeting of the N.Z. Archaeological Association contained in Newsletter Vol. 13, No. 3, that Mr Stuart Park, in giving a talk on Tiwai Point, stated that Comalco had never been approached for funds to support the salvage excavations at Tiwai.

The statement is, I assume, meant to infer that the Company did not make a contribution to the Appeal Fund. I wish to advise that in June 1968, shortly after the appeal for funds to finance the dig had been launched, Comalco voluntarily forwarded a cheque for \$250. This was the first large donation received and was later followed by a donation of \$250 from the Maori Purposes Fund Board.

Comalco have been most co-operative at all times when we have approached them and have voluntarily set aside a very important area as a "Southland Museum Reserve". The area concerned is not far distant from where the dig was held and is considered to be a valuable site for future investigations. The firm has also given the Museum authority to enter on to the area at any time, and in addition has stated that all material recovered from the plant site and the Museum Reserve is to be the property of the Southland Museum.

I am very concerned that a statement such as this, if made public, could seriously damage the good relations we have established with the Company and this could be to the detriment of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. BLICK

Chairman.

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