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QUEEN'S SPEECH

MR. MINISTER, REPRESENTATIVES, AND CHIEFS OF THE MAORI TRIBES OF N.Z. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE ADDRESS WHICH YOU HAVE PRESENTED TO ME ON BEHALF OF THE MAORI PEOPLE.

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN MUCH INSPIRED BY THE WELCOME WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN HERE TODAY, AND WE HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED AND INTERESTED TO SEE YOUR AGE-OLD CEREMONIAL AND DANCES.

I HAVE LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS MY FIRST FULL MEETING WITH THE MAORI PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN HOMELAND, THOUGH I HAVE HEARD MUCH OF YOUR PROUD TRADITIONS AND OF THAT DEEP AND ABIDING LOYALTY WHICH YOU HAVE SO OFTEN DEMONSTRATED IN PEACE AND IN WAR.

THE KIND WORDS YOU HAVE (CUT) PRECIOUS AND GROWING HERITAGE. I HAVE BEEN MOST HAPPY TO LEARN OF THE GREAT ADVANCEMENT WHICH THE MAORI PEOPLE HAVE MADE IN AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS.

I HOPE TOO, THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS HOLD FAST TO YOUR OWN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, YOUR ARTS AND CRAFTS; AND THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE TRADITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN FROM YOUR FOREFATHERS.

I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WELCOME. (applause) AND THEN IN MAORI

*Cherish*  
*Keora tu*