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From: John Crawford
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2013 10:13 a.m.
To: ^AssocMoF:[4] Chris White
Subject: RE: PM meeting Pac AI--R/T

I think we should discuss with Ministers on Monday

First up advice would be to ask them to meet with Treasury to advise where they stand with their negotiations with Meridian, and to allow Treasury the chance to brief Minister Ryall before a meeting. This could be done by phone.

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From: [4] (MIN) [[mailto:\[4\]@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:[4]@parliament.govt.nz)]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2013 9:33 a.m.
To: John Crawford; Chris White
Subject: FW: PM meeting Pac AI--R/T
Importance: High

John, Chris – could you please advise on this?

Thanks,
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From: Peter Wood (MIN)
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:26 AM
To: [4] (MIN)
Subject: FW: PM meeting Pac AI--R/T

From: Emma Holmes (MIN)
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:24 AM
To: Paul Plummer
Cc: evanv@brg.co.nz
Subject: RE: PM meeting Pac AI--R/T

Morning all at BRG

Unfortunately the Prime Minister will not be able to meet with the representatives from Rio Tinto.

However, I have been advised that if you approach Hon Tony Ryall, his office should be able to arrange such a meeting.

You can contact his Senior Private Secretary, Peter Wood, via peter.wood@parliament.govt.nz

Regards

Emma Holmes

Personal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

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From: Paul Plummer [<mailto:PaulP@brq.co.nz>]

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 9:16 AM

To: Emma Holmes (MIN)

Subject: PM meeting Pac Al--R/T

Hi Emma

As we have discussed---- the following is the formal request from the NZAS/Tiwai smelter people for a meeting with the PM.

They have cleared their diaries etc in an effort to ensure they are doing everything they can to secure the meeting. Can you reply to me or copy me in so that we are in the loop.

Cheers Paul

Emma Holmes
Personal Private Secretary
Office of the Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister

Dear Emma

Pacific Aluminium CEO, Sandeep Biswas, and Rio Tinto Australia Managing Director, David Peever, would like to request a meeting with the Prime Minister, the RT Hon John Key.

Mr Biswas and Mr Peever would be able to meet the Prime Minister in Wellington (or another major city as suits the Prime Minister) on Monday 8, Tuesday 9 or Wednesday 10th (morning only) of July.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Prime Minister with an update on the status of commercial negotiations with Meridian Energy, on behalf of the New Zealand Aluminium Smelter, following on from the previous meetings with the Prime Minister on 27 June 2012 and 27 March 2013 (by phone).

Can you please advise the Prime Minister's availability to meet Mr Biswas and Mr Peever.

Thank you and regards

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