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Suva
Fiji

9th September, 1974.

The Commanding Officer
HMNZS PHILOMEL
DEVONPORT
AUCKLAND
NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir,

My son, Junior Seaman Mark Spanswick, has recently written that he intends to visit us here in Suva, Fiji, over the Christmas holidays this year.

I have already written to Mark and suggested that he postpone such a visit, as with the current wave of holliganism and assaults in the **streets** of Suva, mainly after dark, but increasingly apparent also during the daylight hours, it is hardly a situation for a young lad from overseas to face, unless he wishes to spend his leave without leaving the house.

In these circumstances it is requested that you permit Mark to spend his coming leave in New Zealand, the place I leave to his and your discretion.

Except for a younger daughter at school in Masterton we have no relatives in New Zealand though we do have friends and acquaintances in Christchurch and Hokitika whom he may care to visit.

Yours faithfully,

sgd. John Spanswick