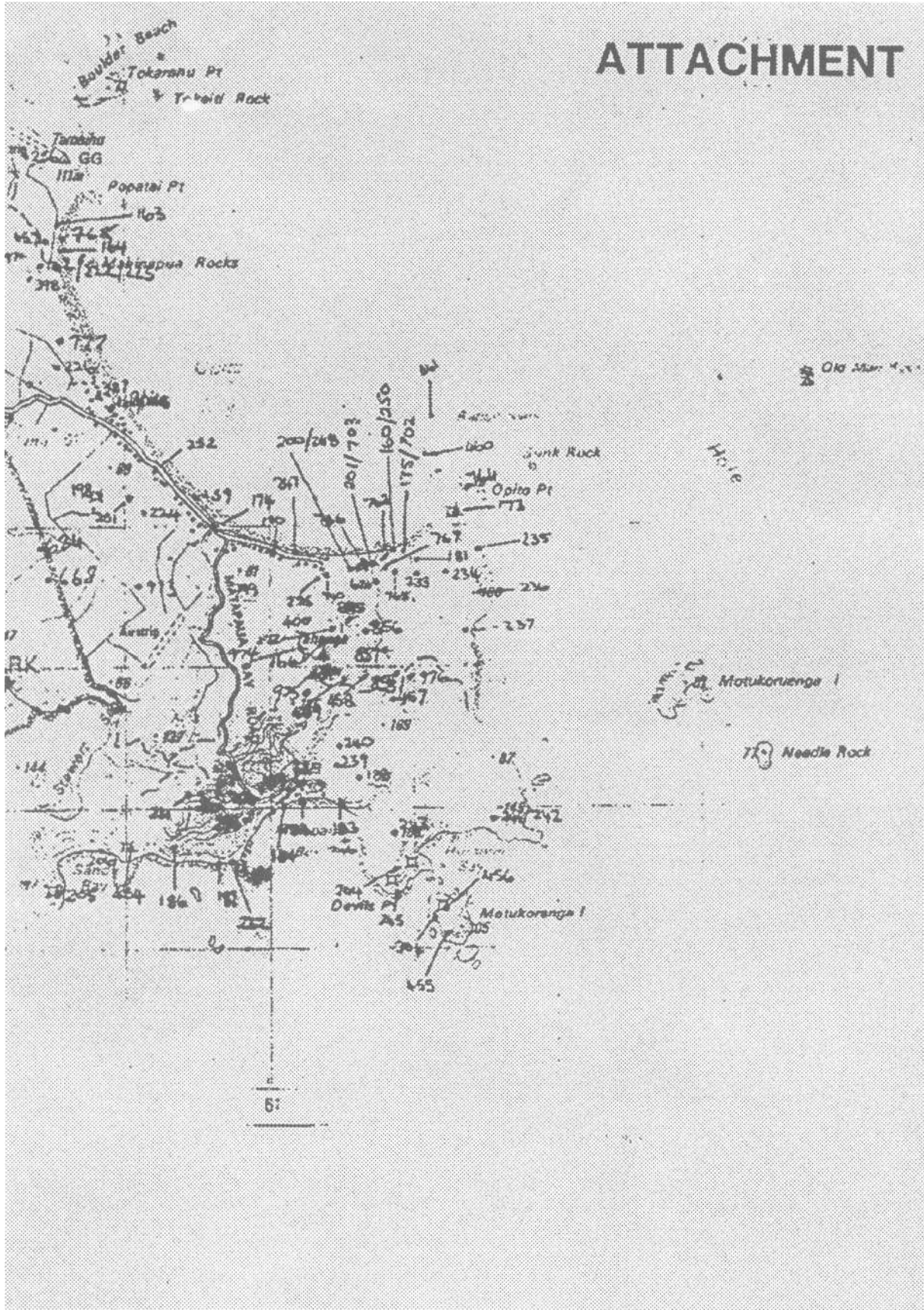


ATTACHMENT





13th November 1995

Ian Lawlor
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Herne Bay
AUCKLAND

Dear Ian,

RE: INSPECTION OF MOTUKORUENGA AND MOTUKORANGA
ISLANDS, WHITIANGA FILE C 768-01


I am sorry for having taken so long to respond to your letter and report findings. On behalf of Ngati-Hei I wish to extend our thanks to you for the work and time you have put in to this project. We had a trust meeting over this last weekend 11th-12th November, where your report was discussed in general terms. I made specific mention of your generosity in only wanting to cover your petrol costs, and we are very appreciative of this gesture in our regard. I would add that Ngawhira made mention of the bowl that was found by the Hovell family on Motu-Koruenga some time ago!

With regard to protocols, on these islands as far as D.O.C. staff are concerned, we think firstly, that Ngati-Hei must be informed of any initiatives or aspirations that staff may have in regard to wildlife survey, monitoring and ecological restoration activities, and that of course covers rodent eradication and weed control. Secondly that discussion would then take place with Ngati-Hei, to outline the scope of the activities envisaged, where this activity would take place, and over what length of time. We would especially comment on whether a particular activity was appropriate or necessary, or whether it was in fact, in conflict with tino-rangitiratanga. Other considerations would be special care in regard to archaeological sites on the islands generally, and this must be underpinned by the knowledge that there is always the possibility of the discovery of further sites. What we are saying in essence is that because these motu are taonga, that alone, must dictate the actions and demeanour of every person that visits them! The fragility of flora and fauna on these islands demands that we as joint kaitiaki ensure their continued survival and enhancement. This requirement must therefore impose a regime of visiting numbers and also the frequency of site visits, to achieve this aim. We would therefore be rigidly opposed to any move to include these islands in any wider reservation status or Maritime Park etc. because these aspirations we feel cannot be met, under such a covering, and I would cite Tiritiri-Matangi as an example.

We had agreed originally, when, these islands became subject to a joint kaitiaki arrangement between Ngati-Hei and Department of Conservation they would become an offshore extension of the Maori Reserve " Ko-te-Ramatiti" on the mainland. Ngati-Hei would now like to see the Department fulfil that obligation, as a partner and support an action by Ngati-Hei to have these islands gazetted as Maori Reservations under Section 338 of the Te Ture Whenua Act 1993.

I hope the above comments will fulfil the protocol requirements for the motu concerned, and in turn promote continuing dialogue on their joint management in the years ahead.

Regards,


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Peter Johnston.