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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

IT SEEMS hardly possible that a full year has passed since I sent you all my sincere Christmas Greetings. Fortunately, during that time opportunities have occurred for me to see many of you; I value such occasions very much indeed, not only for the pleasure it gives me to meet and speak with my compatriots, but to willingly help, to the best of my ability, with any problems which may arise. I need hardly tell you again, as I feel sure you already know, that my office door at the Embassy is always open to you.

Although the actual way of celebrating Christmas in New Zealand is somewhat different from that of our homeland, and this is probably felt more especially by newcomers, the underlying thoughts of peace and goodwill are the same.

To our many compatriots scattered throughout the North and South Islands, my wife and I send to you, one and all, our cordial good wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

MAX CORTI
Ambassador.