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MEMO TO : CHAIRMAN
 FROM : SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER
 DATE : 2 NOVEMBER 1988
 SUBJECT : REGISTRATION OF NGATI AWA CLAIMS

1. Staff have investigated the preliminary notices of claims by Ngati Awa, and consider they are now at a stage when they should be consolidated and promoted to the Wai RC register. The principal claim current now is PC-49.
2. Research teams have been organised under both Tribunal and Tribal direction, with a view to being ready to proceed to hearing by approximately mid-1990. Contracts are awaiting approval and issue. (Although "ready" by next year, it is not expected Wai-46 would be called up for hearing before late 1990. In the mean time the same research results are expected to assist the tribes resolve some of their issues with Government, and so lighten the Tribunal's burden by the time they reach a full hearing).
3. There is a previously registered Ngati Awa claim Wai-23, re Mt Putauki. The tribal runanga has agreed to take up that claim and it is now included within PC-49 as one of the general sub-headings of claim.
4. Therefore we seek a direction to consolidate the Ngati Awa claims for hearing by:
 - * (i) to transfer PC-49 to the RC register with a new entry (the next available is Wai-46, reserved until your approval).
 - (ii) to merge Wai-23 (Mt Putauki) with Wa-46 for hearing.
5. On approval, the research contracts will be ready as soon as typed up.

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* Chf - I've just seen that actual old wai-23 was changed to PC-34 so the direction just needs to say: "Merge PC-34 and PC-49 to become wai-46"
 Objection accordingly
[Signature]

Seen.
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