



## PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: On the eve of today's service in New Zealand the Prime Minister, David Lange said that there was no hope of ANZUS ever being resurrected, that the formal ties would be severed altogether. Does that sadden you?

PM: Yes, well I don't want to inject political considerations into today. But if that's their decision, that's their decision. Our commitment to the Alliance is as strong and constructive as it has ever been, a fact which is attested to not only by us but by our friends in the United States. We'll continue to have defence relationships with New Zealand but of course the quality of that relationship must necessarily be to some extent diminished by their absence from the broader relationship.

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