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Mr R.F. Poole, Chairman, New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority, Kyeburn - Kokonga R.D., CENTRAL OTAGO.

Dear Russell,

I have just received the draft of the Authority's Annual Report.

I understand your desire to reply to those who have criticised the Authority's functions and I think the Minister would be interested to have your comments but I suggest that the Annual Report is not the appropriate place for them. The legislation requires the Authority to furnish a report of its proceedings and operations for the year. It is, I think, clearly intended to be a factual statement, devoid of any reference to controversial issues and I would prefer to see the section under "general" deleted.

I have referred a copy of this letter to the General Manager.

Yours sincerely,

(f.W.Lee) Government Representative H.M.A.