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The Secretary,  
Taranaki Regional Committee,  
National Historic Trust Board,  
59 Gover Street,  
NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Sir,

## Report on Whaka Ahu Rangi Track

Considerable difficulty was experienced in locating this track. I interviewed Miss Anderson who put me on to Mr. White, Headmaster of Stratford High School. Mr. White gave me an approximate idea of where the track could be located. The position given was about a mile out of position as marked on early survey maps. I then interviewed about ten locals and got nothing so worked on area at Stratford cemetery. I am at last satisfied that I have located the track and I have sketched its position on the attached plan in red. It passes through Sec. 111 and Sec. 113, Block III, Ngaere S.D. Where it crosses Ohura Road it has been obliterated by the approach to the Kahouri Bridge. In the cemetery itself two rows of graves cross it. It is well defined at the confluence of the Patea and Kahouri rivers. This is a delightful spot with original native forest on the far bank. The track itself is well overgrown with blackberry and rubbish. If cleared up it would make an excellent spot to permanently mark the track. The point on plan marked X in circle would be a suitable public place to mark track, but not much of it can be seen from the road.

I interviewed the County Clerk and as he is just preparing his Town Plan he assured me that this track would be protected and gave me authority to mark its position on his map.

Yours faithfully,

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