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Date
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Dear Professor Maude

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES - ROYALTY ACTION

Thank you for your letter of the 4th February to me and your letter of 3rd February to Mr Ing, and for the helpful details of Banaban land customs.

I am writing a short and prompt reply because communications between here and there seem constantly to cross and as I appreciate your many commitments I am anxious that you should not be involved in unnecessary letter writing.

Thank you for your notes and observations on custom and ownership which have been passed on to Counsel.

I would also like to mention that your rooms at the Royal Commonwealth Society will be in accordance with the wishes you expressed in your recent letter to Sands, which has just percolated through to me. Mr Ing has made a special point of ensuring that the facilities and the location you mention will be obtained.

You will be hearing separately from Mr Sands about travel arrangements and insurance in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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