

GPO Box 1404, Suva, Fiji.  
7th January, 1976.

Dear Harry,

I received yesterday from Ing a copy of his letter to you T&M/948/NDI of the 18th December, on the subject of the current action regarding Ocean Island phosphates.

2. I also attach, merely for purposes of record, a copy of his covering letter to me, and, more important, a copy of my reply to Ing, which is, I think, completely self-explanatory.

3. I also received by the same mail as Ing's letter four "blocks" of the transcripts of the speeches in the case, which are going to take some time to digest. It is clear that I shall have to learn by heart that famous printed memorandum of your's on Banaban funds, etc., written, I think, in 1946, although, as Assistant Colonial Secretary of Fiji, I was not especially interested in the subject then.

4. I hope that Sands has made a move about arrangements for passages, hotels, and "financial requirements" to use Ing's own phrase.

5. It is obvious that our spell in the United Kingdom will be of quite reasonable length - too short in which for you to fall ill!! I do hope Honor is all teed up to come.

6. When I have digested the mass of evidence now sent me I may write again.

Yours in haste,

Professor H.E. Maude, O.B.E.,  
Canberra.

