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MULTI THANKS LETTER STOP GREATLY APPRECIATED OFFER STOP
TEBUKE RESERVED ACCOMMODATION WENTWORTH DECEMBER 28TH FOR
YOU MEET LAWYERS ARRIVING DECEMBER 29TH STOP YOUR FLIGHT
BEING ARRANGED THROUGH QANTAS FOR TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINE STOP
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77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia,
8th December, 1971.

Mr Bertram Jones,
Rabi Island Council Office,
C/o Rabi Holdings Limited,
G.P.O. Box 1222,
SUVA, Fiji.

Dear Mr Jones,

Your letter of the 6th December has just arrived. I should be willing to visit Sydney whenever desired and glad to provide Sir Elwyn Jones and his associates with any background information in my power in connexion with the law suit which the Rabi Island Council is bringing against the British Phosphate Commissioners and the British Government.

In addition to personal oral evidence and documentary material I would propose to draw the attention of the legal advisers to such published background information as E.C. Eliot's Broken Atoms; Martin G. Silverman's Land as a Medium of Symbolic Exchange: the Banaban case; his more recent Disconcerting Issue: meaning and struggle in a resettled Pacific community; Robert Langdon's 'The Ocean Islanders: a quite scandalous document'; Stuart Inder's 'The Ocean Islanders: resentment on Rabi'; Sir Albert Ellis's Ocean Island and Nauru; Nancy Viviani's Nauru: phosphate and political progress; and Maslyn Williams's Three Islands; and if desired loan them copies.

I shall expect to hear from you, presumably by cable, when and where I am to contact Sir Elwyn and his colleagues.

I have only recently returned from Suva, where I was attending an international Unesco conference at the University of the South Pacific as adviser on Pacific documentation, and staying at the Grand Pacific Hotel, but alas I was kept so busy on plans for the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Pacific Islanders that I was unable to visit Rabi, as I had hoped and should have very much liked.

Please give my kind regards to Tebuke, and my best wishes to him and the Rabi Island Council for the success of their action.

With my personal good wishes for a happy Christmas and successful New Year to your good self,

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

PIM at the time

Mr Jones

20/4 (Dec. 1965)

sent to N.G. Oliver

4th floor 17 Colthorpe St.

Rabi Island Council Office,
c/O Rabi Holdings Ltd.,
G.P.O. Box 1222,
SUVA, F i j i.
December 6th, 1971.

H. E. Maude, Esq.,
77 Arthur Circle,
Forest,
C A N B E R R A, A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Tebuke asks me to enquire whether you would be able to travel to Sydney at the end of this month to meet the Rabi Island Council's new legal advisers ?

They are coming to Fiji in connection with a law suit that they are bringing, on the Council's behalf, against the British Phosphate Commissioners and the British Government. It is also intended that they shall visit Ocean Island.

Their leader is Sir Elwyn Jones, Q.C. With him there will be a junior counsel and their instructing solicitor. Tebuke believes that you might be able to help them with background information that could be extremely useful to them in the preparation of their case. They would, I am sure, greatly appreciate such aid.

They would explain the grounds for the legal action and indicate the matters on which they might wish to obtain further particulars. They plan to leave London on December 27th, flying to Fiji via Australia, and to be in Sydney for two or three days. We could give you more definite dates later ; and Tebuke wishes me to say that the expenses of your journey and of your stay in Sydney would be met by the Council, with gratitude.

If you could kindly let us know as quickly as possible whether you would be able to go to Sydney we could make the necessary arrangements with Sir Elwyn and his associates. We should be most grateful to you.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,


Bertram Jones.

For Rabi Island Council.