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Forrest, A.C.T. 2603,
10th February, 1976.

Mr Richard Sands,
British High Commission,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600.

Dear Mr Sands,

The arrangements set out in your letter No.375/1 of the 5th February appear to meet the points mentioned in my letter of the 30th January. I feel sure, in any case, that if we run into any unforeseen difficulties our troubles will be dealt with sympathetically by the British Treasury.

Neither Mr Ing, in his letter of the 4th February, nor you, mention the essential pre-requisite stated in my letter of the 31st January, i.e. the provision of a room in London containing two single beds, a private lavatory and bathroom, but unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall take it that this requirement has occasioned no difficulty and will be provided, if not in the Royal Commonwealth Society then in some suitable hotel.

I should be grateful if you would make me the advance of £175 mentioned in para.1 (c) of your letter.

Thank you for your reassuring remarks about Moss Bros., who would seem to be the answer to my troubles, as I have never had occasion to wear a thick suit in Australia since I first landed here 25 years ago. Even in mid-winter I merely wear three pull-overs instead of my normal two.

We would prefer to stop-over at New Orleans, if possible, instead of Miami, and I now enclose a revised itinerary made out accordingly, with a copy for Miss S. Unitt. As she is apparently unable to pay for our accommodation at stop-overs we have requested the Overseas Travel Agency, of 10 Petrie Street, Canberra City (phone 476433), to book and pay for our accommodation (as well as Mr Macdonald's) as follows, sending the account to you:-

Honolulu: nights of February 29, March 1 and 2.

Los Angeles (airport): night of March 3.

New Orleans: nights of March 4 and 5.

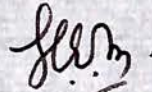
We shall also endeavour to fix our Accident, Medical, Hospital and Baggage insurance with the Royal Insurance Company, Limited, of 25 London Circuit, Canberra City, under the same arrangements, as the Phoenix Assurance Company of Australia, Limited, will insure nobody over the age of 70 (not even their baggage).

As I mentioned on the phone, Mr Macdonald is worried over the possibility that he may not receive his air tickets in time to obtain the 1st class baggage allowance on his Suva to Nadi flight. I understand, however, that you have all this in hand.

Before leaving Canberra I shall, if I may, hand you a package of documentation required at the Court (and pre-Court briefings) so that it may be sent by air to London to await our arrival. This would obviate the loss of material without which we might as well come straight home.

With apologies for all the trouble which we are causing you,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Enclosure

Proposed Itinerary

Canberra dep.	February 29	5 p.m. (approx.)
Sydney arr.	February 29	6 p.m. (approx.)
Sydney dep.	February 29	9 p.m.
Honolulu arr.	February 29	10.55 a.m.
Honolulu dep.	March 3	11.15 a.m.
Los Angeles arr.	March 3	8.20 p.m.
Los Angeles dep.	March 4	9.25 a.m.
New Orleans arr.	March 4	2.32 p.m.
New Orleans dep.	March 6	2.15 p.m.
Miami arr.	March 6	4.50 p.m.
Miami dep.	March 6	7.30 p.m.
London arr.	March 7	8.45 a.m.

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