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Dear Professor Maude

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES - ROYALTY ACTION

First, you may by now be aware from Richard Sands that I have been able to consider your letter to him of 3rd January about financial requirements for your and Mr Macdonald's visit - and that the proposals in it are agreed, subject to one or two small points of formal clarification and a suggestion for a further subsistence allowance. However, more detailed information will shortly be reaching you through the "agreed channels" and I will not trespass further on these.

I have had a further word with Mr Vinelott today about the timetable of the action and, while he regrets that he is not yet able to suggest a positive date for your arrival (a matter to which he will be giving further thought in the light of the development of the plaintiffs' case) he now considers that this would not be before Monday 23rd February at the earliest and might even be as late as early March. While I appreciate that this uncertainty cannot be very satisfactory for you, it is, I believe, the case that the later your arrival is postponed, the more suitable you would regard this from a climatic point of view.

I am therefore requesting the Society to put back the three week booking until (provisionally) 23rd February.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr Macdonald and also arranging for one to be sent to Richard Sands.

Yours sincerely

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