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Dear Mr. Macdonald,

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES - ROYALTY ACTION.

I understand that Professor Maude has sent you a copy of his letter to Roy Price of 16th November and, for your information, I enclose a copy of my reply. (Roy Price is at present away from the office, convalescing after a routine operation but is, I am pleased to say, making good progress).

Much of what I have written will be of direct interest and concern to you and I hope that you will feel that these arrangements (which seem to follow from your discussions with Professor Maude) are satisfactory from your own point of view. If not, I hope that you will let me know and the position can be considered further.

In particular, I hope that you will let me know of your requirements on the financial aspect - it is clearly as essential in your case as in that of Professor Maude that there should be no question of your being "out-of-pocket" - and also whether you would like me to make a provisional booking of accommodation for you at the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Finally, I must express pleasure that it seems that both Professor Maude and yourself will be willing to come to this country to give evidence in support of the Crown's case in the royalty action; I need hardly say that this will be considered by the Crown's advisers as extremely helpful - not least bearing in mind the possible social problems which you have mentioned.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) M.D. Ing.
Assistant Treasury Solicitor.