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Dear Professor Maude,

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES - ROYALTY ACTION

Your letter of 16th November addressed to Mr R K Price has been given to me as Mr Price is just at present away from the office, convalescing after a routine operation. You will be pleased to know that he is comfortable, in good spirits and making highly satisfactory progress.

In view of Mr Price's personal discussion with you, I should like to have an opportunity of discussing the contents of your letter with him and I hope to be able to do this within the next day or two - if necessary, before he returns to the office. He or I will then write to you in more detail.

There is, however, one point in your letter on which I would like to comment. I am myself an active member of the Royal Commonwealth Society and can confirm that, if you wish to stay there, it will almost certainly be necessary for you to take up membership; moreover, I think I am right in saying that, for your wife also to stay there, she too would require membership. I will, however, look into this and let you know (or let Richard Sands know, as appropriate) and I shall be glad to provide any personal help which I can in arranging membership if you decide to follow this course. You no doubt know that Mr Macdonald is a member too.

Incidentally, I can thoroughly recommend the accommodation there. I have myself been a resident for short periods (both for consecutive days and for individual nights, for example after late functions in Town - and especially in winter). I have always found the bedrooms extremely comfortable and warm - and (apart of course from other meals) the Society provides one of the best breakfasts in London. As you say, the Society is situated relatively near the Law Courts and transport would of course be laid on.

Yours sincerely

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