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BY AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your letter of 27th December.

With regard to the draft Affidavit, I am glad to hear that you found it generally in order subject to a few very minor alterations and that I may expect to receive it soon from your Solicitors after it has been engrossed and sworn.

As for your evidence we do indeed think that it could be of very great importance in the case and we would be extremely glad if you could make the journey to England.

John Macdonald has said that he thinks you would make an excellent witness. Of course no one can remember everything that happened over a long period. My own memory is faulty some times with regard to things that happened a day or two ago! But you will certainly remember quite a lot about certain things and if you have no precise recollection of dates or conversations etc in detail this is only to be expected and would be readily understood.

With regard to your state of health I am very sorry to do anything that might tend to add to your worry and nervous tension but if it would help at all we would certainly arrange to see that a suitable nursing home were available should the occasion demand it.

The last paragraph of the first page of your letter says that you would be alone, friendless and unhappy in a strange country and city. This need not be so at all as you certainly have a friend in me. I remember our brief though very pleasant meeting and discussions on Civil liberties and Samaritans of which I understand you are to some extent interested. It occurs to me that you might not be very happy in a hotel but how would you like to stay with me and my wife during your visit here. We are within easy reach of London and you would be most welcome. I am afraid that it would be beyond my ingenuity to arrange for you to be refreshed with Guinness while you were giving evidence but you can certainly count on supplies at other times. With regard to victimization I am afraid that I cannot quite accept your statement in the last paragraph of your letter that any evidence that you might give can not have nearly the effect of a statement that you were unwilling to come to England to give evidence for fear of victimization by the Defendants. I am certain that as we are proceeding in a court of law the case can only be determined and will only be determined by the quality of evidence which is produced and both through witnesses and documents, through Counsel's speeches and the citation of cases. I am convinced that no attention would be given by an English Judge to the argument that had you not been afraid to come you could have given very valuable evidence which might have swung the case. He will only decide the

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case on the evidence before him and to try and conjecture what you might have said had you been there when you were not is not something that any Judge would go into.

Believe me, I do understand and appreciate your genuine anxiety on the grounds of victimization. I will do all I can to put your fears at rest through any method which your lawyers or yourself might like to suggest. I think if I may say so, that you are possibly over anxious; after all, though bad things do go on I like to think that we are living in a reasonably civilised country.

I do hope you will come. I honestly feel that when your initial fears have been overcome you may look back on the trip in your old age as having been a great adventure.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Richard B...

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BY AIR MAIL

2nd Letter

Dear Mr. Maude,

Further to my letter to you of yesterday's date, on reading it I see I did not answer specifically your point about arranging for a specialist to come and fix your pylorus, at least for the day or days on which you are to appear in Court.

I would like to say that I do not anticipate any difficulty, one of my best friends around here is my doctor and I will get in touch with him later today and I am sure he will be able to arrange something. I hope to be writing about this next week and I will also write at the same time about the probable dates when we would like you to give evidence if indeed you are prepared to come which I very much hope you will.

I do not know whether you know Wimbledon Park. It is quite a pretty suburb as suburbs go. I think you will find our house restful, we have a lovely view over the golf club and lake. You are within short walking distance of the park and you can wander around at leisure and look at the ducks! Of course in planning the proposed timetable, every effort will be made to see that your time in London is as short as possible so that you can go home as soon as you can, but I will do all I can to make your stay a happy one.

I am very relieved and pleased to gather, I hope correctly, that subject to proper safeguards being arranged by your Solicitors you would no doubt consider making the trip.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Richard Brown