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Dear Professor Maude

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES - ROYALTY ACTION

Thank you for your letter of 10th February and the enclosed copy of your letter of the same date to Mr Sands.

I have read of the arrangements with considerable interest and, as you say, all seems to be well set. However, if anything further should occur to us at this end in the meantime, we will communicate with Mr Sands or yourself.

I note that you anticipate arriving at London Airport early on March 7th and will consider what is the best arrangement for meeting you there and taking you on to the Society. As you probably know by now, the requirements mentioned in the third sentence of the first paragraph of your letter to me have been attended to; they did in fact form part of the original booking but I have emphasised them once more to the Society.

As you say, there may be further financial details for us to discuss and arrangements to adjust on your arrival. I foresee absolutely no difficulty about this; the cardinal principle is to ensure that you and Mr Macdonald are "held harmless" and my colleagues and I will do all that we can to ensure that this is achieved and that the stay of all three of you proves as comfortable and as lacking in strain as may be at all possible.

I am sorry to learn that Mrs Maude and yourself are not too well at present and hope that this will clear up fully before you leave and that the journey and its "stop-overs" will prove agreeable.

I will certainly look into the inoculation question.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr Macdonald.

Yours sincerely

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