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Dear Professor Maude

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I am writing to you about the proposed visit of Mr. Vinelott QC and myself to see you in connection with your offer to be of assistance in connection with this action.

As I think you already know Mr. Vinelott and myself expect to reach Canberra on 30th September next, and I understand that provisional arrangements have been made by the British High Commission for us to call upon you at your home on Wednesday 1st October at 3.0p.m. We look forward to this meeting, and in the meantime perhaps I may mention two points of detail. Firstly, we shall be in Canberra on the 1st and 2nd October, and as the primary purpose of our visit is our meeting with you, we would like to make our own arrangements as flexible as possible, so that we can at the same time fit in with your own arrangements and be able to devote as much time as necessary to our discussions. With this in view I propose to telephone you after our arrival on the 30th September to confirm final arrangements. I have not got your telephone number at present, but I will be in contact with the High Commission, and they will no doubt be able to tell me how to get in touch with you. Secondly, Mr. Vinelott and myself are most anxious that your wife should not be put to any trouble or inconvenience over our visit. All we will need is a room where we can talk together, and if necessary do some writing. We will of course be having all our meals etc. at our hotel and your wife should not feel that she needs to bother about entertaining us in any way.

We look forward to meeting yourself and your wife.

Yours sincerely

Ray Price

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