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15th January, 1975.

Messrs. Macphillamy Cummins & Gibson,
P.O. Box 628, CANBERRA CITY,
A. C. T. 2601.

Dear Sirs,

Banabans v British Phosphate Commissioners

Your letter J.52037 of the 14th January has been received, enclosing the draft affidavit (but not the enclosures thereto) referred to in para.3 of my letter of the 1st January.

In order to save time in getting these documents returned to the London solicitors representing the Banaban plaintiffs I suggest, for your consideration, that the draft, which is now attached, might be amended and retyped in time for my appointment with your Mr Walmsley at 2.30 p.m. on the 21st January.

The proposed amendments, as set out below, are of course subject to your approval as solicitors acting on my behalf:-

- (1) Para.1, line 1: Insert 'Acting Native' between 'was' and 'Lands'.
- (2) Para.1, line 2: substitute 'October' for 'September'.
- (3) Para.3, line 2: substitute 'appear to be' for 'are'.
- (4) Para.3, line 6: substitute 'Conveyances' for 'Conveyance'.
- (5) Para.4, line 4: add 'So far as I am aware' before 'this Ordinance'.
- (6) Para.4, line 5: insert 'then' between 'based on' and 'existing'.
- (7) Para.6, line 1: substitute 'visited' for 'returned to'.
- (8) Para.6, line 2: insert 'Acting' between 'as' and 'Resident'.
- (9) Para.6, line 3: substitute 'civilian Government officers' for 'people'.
- (10) Para.6, line 3: delete 'at once'.
- (11) Para.6, line 4: substitute 'which had not been removed' for 'which it had not been possible to remove'.
- (12) Para.6, line 5: substitute 'satisfied myself' for 'found'.
- (13) Para.6, line 6: substitute 'and of native births, marriages and deaths' for 'and of births and marriages'. *had been*
- (14) Para.6, line 7: substitute 'could not be found' for 'destroyed'.
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Mr R.M.L. Brown requests that the amended draft be 'engrossed and sworn' before returning to him, so perhaps if there is nothing of moment in my tentative amendments action can be finalized on the 21st.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.

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Dear Sir,

BANABAN LAND RIGHTS CASE RE: EVIDENCE ON COMMISSION.

We thank you for your letter of 12th January, 1975. Mr. Hohnen is at the moment on leave for two weeks and is expected back in the office on the 27th January, 1975.

In the meantime, however, we are returning the originals of the two letters enclosed with your letter of the 12th January, as we have taken photocopies of them, and we also enclose copy of the draft affidavit as requested.

Yours faithfully,
MACPHILLAMY CUMMINS & GIBSON

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