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Dear Professor Maude,

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES: ROYALTY ACTION

1. Please refer to your letter of 3 January to me, and to my reply 375/1 of 23 January, based on a telegram I had just received from the FCO. I now attach the relevant part of the text of a letter of 20 January from Mr Ing (Treasury Solicitor's Office) to the FCO which gives the detailed response to the points in your letter of 3 January. It was upon Mr Ing's letter that the FCO telegram referred to was itself based. I also attach an extract from an FCO letter setting out the clarification they obtained from Mr Ing on one or two points in his letter.

2. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the Treasury Solicitor's Office's terms are acceptable. Mr Ing understands that you will be in touch with Mr Macdonald over the acceptability of these terms, and I could therefore convey to Mr Ing Mr Macdonald's acceptance if desired.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Sands

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