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Dear Professor Naude

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You will be interested to learn that I have now enrolled your wife and yourself as "temporary" members of the Royal Commonwealth Society, the period of membership for convenience to last until June of this year. I believe that I mentioned in an earlier letter that temporary membership - intended, I understand, as a matter of convenience for overseas visitors - implies no material disabilities as opposed to ordinary membership; a temporary member is not sent as of right a copy of the Society's regular Journal (an ample supply of copies is to be found around the Society) and is not entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (which anyway would not normally take place until the summer).

If you agree, I will retain the cards of membership until you come over.

On this last point, I understand from the plaintiffs' solicitors that, on the present estimate, their evidence is likely to conclude during the second to third week of February. It is, as you know, Mr Vinelott's intention that you and Mr Macdonald should be the opening witnesses for the Crown. On a very provisional basis, therefore, I have asked the Society to reserve a room for Mrs Naude and yourself for the three weeks commencing Monday 16th February (and also a room for Mr Macdonald). It is fully appreciated that this arrangement as to time may well have to be altered but, having spoken to the official of the Society concerned with accommodation, it seemed far preferable to make a provisional reservation which could be adjusted if necessary, rather than to leave the whole matter over until certainty of dates could be achieved (with the greater risk that suitable accommodation would by then have been booked by other people).

I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr Macdonald and am asking the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to forward a copy also to Richard Sands, from whom I am looking to hearing about the various detailed arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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