



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
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Dear Professor Maude,

I spoke to your wife on the telephone this morning about arrangements for a further meeting with Mr Vinelott and Mr Price during the course of their visit to Canberra in the first week of October (my letter 14/2 of 8 September refers), and about the possibility of you calling on this High Commission on Thursday, 18 or Friday, 19 September for an informal discussion with Mr Ted Rowlands, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and his accompanying officials. I agreed with your wife that Mr Vinelott and Mr Price should pay a further call on you at home at 10 am on 2 October.

As I am sure you are already aware, Mr Rowlands accompanied by Mr Larmour (Assistant Under Secretary of State, FCO) and Mr Bullock (Head of Pacific Dependent Territories Department, FCO) are at present visiting the Pacific for discussions with Governments interested in the Banaban issue. By the time they reach Canberra, the party will have visited Rabi Island, Tarawa and Ocean Island. In the light of their discussions so far, they think it would be useful to have an informal talk with you about Banaban questions, if this is convenient.

I am still in the course of arranging a final programme for Mr Rowlands and I cannot therefore at this stage suggest a definite time for the appointment. Your wife, however, kindly agreed that some time in the course of 18 or 19 September you would be available for an informal talk here at this High Commission. I shall, of course, let you have further details as soon as possible, hopefully at the beginning of next week.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely
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