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Chief Silas Molema,

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Rra, Go nale ma Juta mangoe mono a ne a ikaeletse go tsaana le Mr Mbelle fa ene ese tiro e e mo isitseng Johannesburg, jaanong ba batla nna. Legale dipolotiki di nkganela go ka dumalana nabo; mme ere ka gotoe mme-tla kgola ea tlaleng o e lebisa oabo ke go irile recommend mo go bone ka natla, ka ba ka ba raea kare u tihaloganya tiro eo go nkgaisa.

Tiro ea bone ke go reka dikgomo tse di tihajoang, ba di batla fela jak logare, bare fa ba ka bona Mocoana eo o ikanyegang go dira nabo ba mo duela sengoe ka tlhogo eakgomo, ba ka reka 800 ka kgoedi kgoedi fa kgomo dile teng, Ke ba gakolotse gore ba seka ba di tonela matlho ere lefa ba ka bona lekgolo ka kgoedi fela ba itumele BAA DI BATLA Ba eletsa go gapa dipelo tsa di kgosu tsa Protectorate gore Becoana ba rekise fela mo go bone. Ke tiro e o ka e dirang sentle oa ba oa dumalana nabo gore ba go duele bokana ka kgo-mo ngoe le ngoe e ba e rekang. Ga ke itse gore ba tla ntsha bo kae u ka ba batla leshome (10/-) or more ka kgomo, ba tla ba go busetsa fa palong e ba e bonang. Ke <sup>ba reile</sup> ~~reile mo go bone~~ kare ke uena u tla ba batlelang di runners tse di utloanang le dikgosi u bo u ba gakolole matseno. Ba itse Gordon ba rata go mo pitlelela. Ke ba reile kare lokile loa seka le Gordon, ua tla go mo sega ka dithole mo Bae Kortong, le uena u tla itumelela go mo ira oppose mo Businesseng. Ra ke bona chelete eone ba na naeo sentle Ebile fa ekare lo kopana oa ba ira impress ekete ga ba sengoma  
Ke tla go bolelela gape fa ba rata go tihatloga to Mafeking

Di runners cone le gale batla di duela ka kgoedi eseng ka tlhogo ea kgomo jaka nena

Madume

Soe J. Maatje

Sir, there are ~~no~~ Jewish people here who wanted to make a deal with Mr. Mbelle although is not what he is here for in Johannesburg now they want to make it with me. But politics does not allow that, any-way as ever-one is working for his nation, I referred them to you, I recommended you that you would even understand that deal better than I can.

They want to buy cattle for ~~slaughter~~ slaughtering. They say they want a trusted motswana to work with them, and they can pay him per cattle, buying about £00 a month if there are enough cattle. I told them not to be too ambitious, even if they get a two hundred (100) they should be happy. They want them, they would like to persuade the <sup>(Bechuanaland)</sup> Protectorate chiefs to sell only to them. This can be worked properly, you could even tell them how much you want for every cattle. I don't know how much they will pay, I can charge them 10/- (ten shilling) each or more; they will bring you down to what they want to pay. I told them that you can get them the agents and how to get in your people. They know Gordon, they want to press him (or compete with him and over-come him). I told them; that you <sup>could</sup> had a case with Gordon, so you will be <sup>able</sup> to compete with him in business. I am sure if you could just impress

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<sup>oppose</sup> compete with him in Business. I am sure they have money, if you  
could just impress them when you meet them they are not  
hard with money.  
I will let you know again if they still want to find out more  
about Mafe King. The runners will be paid monthly, and not  
for every every cattle like you.

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