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"In the City—but out of the Noise."

My dear Sir

P. V. 1936

This evening I received a copy of your letter to the Secret Office. It is most unfortunate that you and I have been unable to meet since the Auburn meeting, & that these Secret papers have only reached you & me at <sup>almost</sup> the last moment before the Secret Committee meets & when you and I are a thousand miles apart.

I trust that tomorrow you will receive by air mail the <sup>air</sup> letter I posted to you last night. I hope that you will see that I do not at all share your complacency over the draft Secret <sup>Constitution</sup>, nor do I think Mchomo's statement "admirable". In my letter I forgot to refer to the important point you raised, but I have since referred to it in a further letter to Raleigh. I do not think any amendment should be made to our P. O. R. which does not emanate from the Pathfinder H. B. Council.

By the way I tried to Sembrast, Johannesburg this morning as follows:-

"My letter ~~posted~~ posted last night by air mail stop strongly urge no action be taken on Pathfinder Constitution until Pathfinder Headquarters Council meets in June stop Native Affairs have required my closest attention consequently have been unable summon Council or draft new Constitution stop recent legislation has greatly disturbed Native leaders throughout country and therefore greatest caution necessary our Pathfinder adjustments stop sincerely hope Committee will give favourable consideration suggestions regarding Secret Constitution."

I certainly think that we should be allowed to draft our own Constitution, & that we should have plenty of time to do so.

I have told Raleigh in a letter which will reach him at the Secret Office on Monday that there will be no Pathfinder representative at his meeting as I have not appointed one. If you had gone I should have been grateful but I am



not sure that it isn't better that there is no one there since we have not had time to consult together. Now as things are I cannot help wondering whether your letter & mine will not suggest to the Committee that we don't see eye to eye, & thus weaken our position. Fort, the new Dir. Pathfinder here, to whom I submitted the papers today, would have gone further than I - he thinks I was far too mild. What will he think of your letter?

I hear Withershaw is up in arms. He is supposed to be a member of the Committee but has received no communication!!

Can you suggest a date for the Pathfinder Ad. Council. I can manage <sup>from Toronto</sup> June 23 or 29. On June 24 the new Christian Council (i.e. the J. H. General Missionary Council re-formed) meets at <sup>Montreal</sup> Toronto on June 24, 25, the Council of the Institute of Race Relations on June 26, 27; the All African <sup>(Native)</sup> Convention on June 27 - July 2. Please let me know.

I may visit you in the morning to urge you to cancel any appointments or a substitute you may have made. It might commit us at a difficult & delicate juncture.

We are both (Ed & I) up to our eyes in work, & I ought at this moment to have been busy on other matters. This Pathfinder business has been a worry & an anxiety at a time of great stress in regard to legislation.

Affectionate greetings from us both

Rf.



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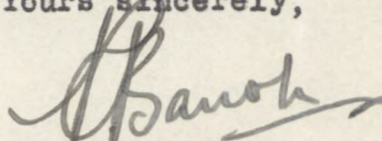
The Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield, M.A.,  
Diocesan Training College,  
Grace Dieu,  
PIETERSBURG.

Dear Canon Woodfield,

Thank you for your letter of May 5th in regard  
to the new Constitution for the Boy Scouts Association.  
Your advices contained therein will be brought to the  
notice of the Sub-Committee.

For your information I attach hereto copy of  
a wire which was dispatched to Mr. Rheigallt Jones in  
Cape Town, and a copy of his reply received this afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

  
for SECRETARY

RB



Wire dispatched 7th May, 1936.

RHEINALLT JONES      CITY CLUB      CAPETOWN

WOODFIELD UNABLE ATTEND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
11TH MAY AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SUBSTITUTE CAN BE  
FOUND STOP IF YOU HAVE NOT WRITTEN US PLEASE WIRE ANY  
VIEWS YOU WISH TO PUT TO CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE OR  
NOMINATE A SUBSTITUTE TO DO SO

SCOUTCRAFT.

Answer received 8th May, 1936.

SCOUTCRAFT      JOHANNESBURG.

LONG LETTER POSTED YOU LAST NIGHTS AIRMAIL STOP STRONGLY  
URGE NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON PATHFINDER CONSTITUTION UNTIL  
PATHFINDER HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL MEETS IN JUNE STOP NATIVE  
BILLS HAVE REQUIRED MY CLOSEST ATTENTION CONSEQUENTLY HAVE  
BEEN UNABLE SUMMON COUNCIL OR DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTION STOP  
RECENT LEGISLATION HAS GREATLY DISTURBED NATIVE LEADERS  
THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND THEREFORE GREATEST CAUTION NECESSARY  
OVER PATHFINDER ADJUSTMENTS STOP SINCERELY HOPE COMMITTEE  
WILL GIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION MY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING  
SCOUT CONSTITUTION

RHEINALLT JONES.



# THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.—DIE VERKENNERSEUNSVRENING.

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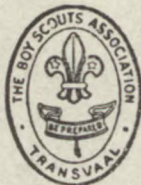
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May 12th., 1936.

Rev. Canon S. P. Woodfield, M.A.,  
"Grace Dieu",  
PIETERSBURG, Transvaal.

Dear Canon Woodfield,

With reference to your letter of the 5th. May, this is just to let you know that I have been deputed by our Constitution Committee to draw up a draft Pathfinder Scouts' Constitution for consideration.

I enclose copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Rheinallt Jones telling him briefly what happened at our Meeting yesterday and my ideas as to the lines upon which we should proceed in drawing up your Constitution.

I need hardly add that I shall be very grateful for any suggestions you care to make.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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May 12th., 1936.

J. D. Rheinallt Jones Esq.,  
88, Temple Chambers,  
4, Wale Street, Cape Town.

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

- CONSTITUTION. -

Mr. Raleigh has asked me to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 7th. and 8th. May, the latter of which only reached him this morning.

The Constitution Committee met yesterday and sat until past six o'clock by which time we had knocked our proposed Constitution into some sort of shape but had not touched P. O. & R.

We discussed your suggestion re <sup>the</sup> Constitutions which, however, did not commend itself to us as we thought the objects we all had in view could be achieved without such a complication.

We had no time to give to the consideration of the Pathfinder Scouts Constitution but I undertook in conjunction with Mr. McEwan to endeavour to evolve something and, if possible, have it ready to discuss with you when you return, that is the reason why I am answering your letters instead of Mr. Raleigh.

It seemed to the Committee that there were two methods of dealing with the Pathfinder Scout Constitution, the one to take the Constitution and P.O.& R. as eventually

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determined for ourselves and make alterations wherever necessary to suit the needs and circumstances of Pathfinder Scouts, the idea being that all the Constitutions should be as much alike as possible. The other idea was to draw up an entirely separate Constitution and P. O. & R. for the Pathfinder Scouts and to be guided in doing so by the existing Pathfinders P.O.& R. I may say that my personal opinion is that the latter method is the better one for, while I am prepared to admit that there is something to be said for the desirability of having the Constitution and P. O. & R. of all sections as much alike as possible, I feel that there is a great deal in our P. O. & R. which is not required by your Organisation which seems to be much better suited by your existing Rules which strike me as being particularly clear, concise and suited to the needs of your people and which, moreover, as you pointed out, have the most desirable quality of elasticity.

It is therefore on these lines that I propose to get to work and I hope that by the time you return and are able to give some attention to the matter, Mr. McEwan and I will have evolved something which you will find useful.

I imagine that you will agree with my idea of starting with your Rules as a basis, rather than ours as at the last Pathfinder Council Meeting which I attended, the wish was expressed that your P. O. & R. should be altered as little as possible .

I do not think there is anything more I need say at the moment except to assure you that in spite of the wording of our draft Constitution, there was no idea

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that any alterations would be made in the Pathfinder Scouts Constitution and P. O. & R. which were not approved of by the Pathfinder Council.

If you have any suggestions which you think will be helpful I should of course be very glad to receive them. I know you must be very busy, however, and really do not think it is necessary for you to go to any great amount of trouble in the matter until you return.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Canon Woodfield and telling him that of course any suggestions he cares to make will be acceptable.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

*(sgd). P. Whitley*



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