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Dr. to Tsala ea Becoana

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Private 2.

Ke tla mono ka bo ke le Koa
 teng teng mo go senang bodirelo
 Ka maaklametlo le bopelotelle
 ya fa chief Joshua ke ntshe
 ke con ka bosesanyane
 and by the middle of the year
 I will be free

Ke gopola go ka nua
 boloka fa lo ea go rapela
 Lindo eseng DeKock. O
 ntiketse fau sa lonaka.

Plaatje

Mr Mbebe is not here. He paid the office
 rent January & February to enable
 me to use that £7. from Thabekho
 now they don't send the money.

Private:

Ke go lopile ^{maloba} ~~maabane~~
jone n nthapelele Chief Joshua
a belese molsofo oa maleo
a me ka pelotelele ke tla
mmerelkela. Fela lo nne lo
nthapelele ho Linds. Kaithe fa
Chief a ka felleoa ke bopelelele
a thiba kgomo ka Ga Ra Ebie
Mojanaya o ka go rashaanya
jone le tsala e ae ke tthoke se
nka lefang ka shone. Fa entse
e tammaea hobollanyana jone
nka nna ka ho romela. Fa e
ema ke shoetse vore fone
letironyana tse di etrang ho
Insurance le Victoria News
di ka nca mabopang. I get
altogether £25 a month lefa a
tla ka vonya and that's the only
chance of paying. Nwa e e
jone share fa kgomo di thibiso
na sololega.

Oh! Oe Ra many (pelotelele)
fela I will reward every penny and
fix up every trouble afterwards. Fela

S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

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Private 2

I came here and found there is no work or employment. Through the efforts and sympathy of Chief Joshua I am gradually being released and by the middle of the year I will be free.

I think it would be much better if you can plead with Lindo and not De Kock. He mercifully saved me in time.

Plaatje

P.S. Mr Mbele is not here. He paid the office rent January and February to enable me to use that £7 from Thaba-Nchu, now they don't send one money.

Private

The other day I asked you to plead with Chief Joshua to carry my burden with all the patience and I will work for him. But you must keep on pleading Lindo for me. If Chief can lose hope and confiscate La-Ebie Majanaga's cows/cattle things can be so mixed up that even a friend can be without a job.

If there is progress then I will send you something though a very small amount. If this job comes to an end then I will be at a loss, because even the petty jobs I do like 'Insurance' and Pretoria News I can easily lose. Altogether I get £25 a month though it comes after a very long time nevertheless that is the only chance of paying. It does not mean that if cows are confiscated we can be released.

Sir, please have patience. I will reward every penny and fix up every trouble afterwards.

Plaatje

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