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My Dear Doc

I am preparing to go to Mafeking on registration business and also to give a show or two. I have already written to the chaps for space or as the Americans call it---- "a date."

This is important:- One of the De Beers Drivers (chauffeurs I mean) has an invalid wife. It is the wish of the husband and of the Genl Manager of De Beers that you should try your skill on ~~her~~ her. They would send her up to Mafeking but fear she will die en route. Consequently they want you to come down. Now they ask: do you prefer to come down by train, all expenses paid, or should they send one of the De Beers Cars to fetch you

They have requested me to press you to come and see the lady and if you care to come just tell me whether by road or rail and I shall make them to communicate direct and send train fare or car as you wish

Now answer quick lest you shake their strong confidence in both you and I

\* { I am determined that this time Ma Sainty should visit Mafeking, Madibe and Kabe --even if she failed to reach Dithharapeng

I am just from an Orthography Conference at Pretoria under the auspices of the Native Affairs Department and the Witwatersrand University. Some of the results will amuse you But if they will displease the Becoana who are asked to write ~~MINIMUM~~ like the Xosas---- Molelo wa me o a wa, Kgomo ya me e a ya(it goes); ya ya (it went)

Th findings will create a riot among the Zulus when they are asked to spell like the Bechuana---- Checha u thathe iphepha ucaneni instead of their-- Tshetsha u tate ~~ipepa utvaneni~~

Please answer forthwith regarding patient

U dumedise mongoa monna

\* { Mrs Sainty being about, she now has someone to leave at home when she goes out.

Sol. Plaatje

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