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Mr J.D.Rheinallt Jones,
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After giving the matter due consideration I have decided to accept Dr Schapera's suggestion that my research work should be done among the Barolong instead of the Bathaping, and I have since receiving your letter written to the Secretary of the International Institute informing her about these proposals regarding the area of my field-work and my decision on the matter.

In regard to the matter of meeting the members of the Inter-University Committee, I should be glad to have the opportunity. I gather from your letter that your next meeting takes place in November, but I notice that you express some doubt as to whether Dr Schapera will be present. I should very much like to meet him personally before I go into the field as I should like to have the benefit of his advice on the Bechuanaland area. So I hope that it may be possible for you to arrange for your meeting to take place at a time when he can come, and so save me a possible trip to Cape Town. I am writing to Dr Schapera about this matter. Kindly let me know the proposed date of the meeting of the Inter-University Committee so that I can take up the question of leave with the school authorities here.

On the question of the periods when I shall be free to do field work, I am afraid I shall have to rely mainly on the long University vacations and on special leave from Fort Hare. I hope to take up this matter with Mr Kerr. How soon I shall begin my first period will depend largely on the completion of these preliminary negotiations. My own wish is to make a start towards the end of November or the beginning of December so as to get in at least three months in the field before the beginning of term at Fort Hare next year. The question of later periods of field work could then be entered into with Fort Hare, the Inter-University Committee and the Institute, in plenty of time before the next University vacation and in the light of my first Report.

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