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5th May '66

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Dear Jan,

Herewith two enclosures. The first is an outline proposal for the establishment of a Cooperative Marketing and Cattle Improvement Project for the Kgatleng. I am sending two copies. This scheme has been drawn up by the Registrar of Cooperatives, Mr T.N. Bottomley following a series of discussions over the last month or so. I thoroughly endorse what he has to say and do most strongly recommend it to your attention. Your last letter - of April 11th - encourages me to hope that you will be able to support it. The Annual Report of the Cooperative Department which should reach you a few days before this, will have filled in the background. It still astonishes me that a Department which could (and should) prove itself of incalculable value to Bechuanaland is limited to a budget of £6,000. Comparatively the promotion of a project exceeding the present needs of the whole territory may seem slightly absurd but even £8000 is not much for something which could transform the economy of a whole tribal area. I had hoped to support the proposal with a selection of relevant photos but have been delayed by the taking of a colour film which I use to propogandize locally. I will be taking them, however, in the next few days and will get them off as soon as I can.

The second enclosure relates to work for food projects in the Kgatleng, and to Mochudi in particular. At the moment it is simply for your information and although drafted for local consumption should be clear enough. It maybe that we have pressed too hard but the result is that we have now outstripped the planners. I still await their reaction but cannot imagine that they can do anything but turn our projects down. In the meanwhile £20 from Naomi Mitchison and £20 from the Centre has gone to buy meal from the Cooperative Department which in turn has just bought up the crop of the Barolong farmers in the south. This will enable us to continue one road construction project for 2 weeks by which we should know the worse. And it will then be easier to decide on the next step. It is ironical when things are going like a bomb here to be held up by factors outside our control, but nobody is

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to blame.

Your photo proposal is quite fair. I didn't quite know how I was to supply Martin and any others if you had the negatives. But if you could let him have copies, and indeed myself as well, that seems to solve the problem. I will of course only send you what seems of value.

I hope to hear from you fairly soon as I am anxious to know the fate of the Cooperative project.

5th May '66

Yours,

Sandy

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Mr. Jan S. van Hooft, Director - Africa Department, National Council of Churches, 425 Riverside Drive, New York

Am delighted about your help for Swang

Dear Jan

Herewith two enclosures. The first is an outline proposal for the establishment of a Cooperative Marketing and Cattle Improvement Project for the Kaituma. I am sending two copies. This scheme has been drawn up by the Registrar of Cooperatives, Mr. T.M. Bekkerley following a series of discussions over the last month or so. I thoroughly endorse what he has to say and do most strongly recommend it to your attention. Your last letter - of April fifth - encouraged me to hope that you will be able to support it. The Annual Report of the Cooperative Department which should reach you a few days before this, will have filled in the background. It still anticipates me that a Department which could (and should) prove itself of invaluable value to Botswana is limited to a budget of 25,000. Comparatively the promotion of a project exceeding the present needs of the whole territory may seem slightly absurd but even so - something which could transform the economy of a whole tribal area. I had hoped to support the proposal with a selection of relevant photos but have been delayed by the taking of a colour film which I use to propaganda locally. I will be taking them, however, in the next few days and will get them off as soon as I can.

The second enclosure refers to work for food projects in the Kaituma, and to food in particular. At the moment it is simply for your information and although drafted for local consumption should be clear enough. It says that we have pressed too hard but the result is that we have now outstripped the planners. I still await their reaction but cannot imagine that they can do anything but turn our backs down. In the meantime 250 from local fishermen and 250 from the Centre has gone to buy seed from the Cooperative Department which in turn has just bought up the crop of the barotse farmers in the area. This will enable us to continue our road construction project for 2 weeks by which we should have the road. And it will then be easier to decide on the next step. It is logical when things are going like a bomb here to be held up by factors outside our control, but nobody is