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Dear Mr. Matthews,

Thank you for your letter of September 30th. I expect to be at the meeting of the Inter-University Committee in Johannesburg on November 25th, and if you are going to be there as well that will give us the opportunity of discussing in detail your plans for fieldwork. I take it that in the meantime you will try to read up as much as possible relating to the BaRolong, and also that you will draw up some sort of "chart" of the special problem you wish to investigate. I have found myself that a chart of this sort is extremely useful in guiding inquiries in the field. What I myself generally do is to imagine that I am writing a book on the subject, and to draw up a model list of contents, which I then attempt to fill in while in the field. However, we can talk about these things when we meet.

In regard to the most suitable place where to begin, I am rather undecided at the moment. I don't quite like the idea of starting in Mafeking itself, as that represents the area of most contact with Europeans; but there is just a possibility that I may be in Mafeking just before the meeting of the Inter-University Committee, and if so I shall make inquiries on the spot. Failing that, I shall get into touch with some BaRolong whom I know and see what they suggest. In the meantime, if there is anything else about which you would like my opinion before we meet, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

*J. Schapera.*