91 Oxford Road,
Saxonwold,
Johannesburg.
30th June, 1939.

The Chief of the People of Bechuanaland,
Serowe,
Via Palapi,
Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Your Honour,

I regret to trouble you on a point which, you no doubt already find very monotonous. However, as no other means of approach ~~(to)~~ exists, and no delicate way of negotiation suggests itself, I resort to this. I hope to state my request ~~at~~ briefly as possible.

My father, who is an invalid, due to an accident sustained at the coast several years ago, ~~without~~ wishes to escape the intense cold, and to go camping in a warmer and dryer spot, during the month of July. I, who is a student at the Witwatersrand University, and two or three of my friends wish to accompany him.

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Naturally, we younger ones, do not wish to sit idle for a whole month. Accordingly, we would deem it a great honour if you would grant us permission to camp and shoot on some of your property.

I wish to deal with a further, and more delicate point, and I do sincerely trust you will not look upon it as an insult: we are perfectly willing to pay you for the privilege of camping and the pleasure of shooting.

Would You condescend kindly to reply to this letter at your earliest convenience, informing me of your decision, and should it be favourable, of your terms.

Thanking you in advance for your letter,

I remain,

Yours humbly,

J. J. Bosman.