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24 November, 1938.

Miss D.F. Bleek,
La Rochelle,
Newlands,
Cape Town.

Dear Madam,

We have now compiled an entirely fresh estimate for MORE ROCK PAINTINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA to meet the requirements stated in your letter of August 23. We regret the long delay in furnishing these details, but the calculation is extremely complicated owing to the various groups of colours required.

The following are the paintings we propose to include:

In three colours: Numbers 18, 24, 28, 29, 35, 48, 60, 95, 141, 150

In two colours: Numbers 7, 8, 77, 78, 79, 147.

In one colour: (arranged in pairs), Numbers 104/121, 98/99, 68/88, 14/33, 17/54, 51/55, and (occupying two full pages), 26.

Also, in one colour, (from photographs) Numbers 20/34, 54/site of Doorn River paintings, George District; 60/69, 99/126/139.

You will see that this list includes all the paintings already estimated for, and a number of the extra ones you suggested, including, of course, number 88.



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Miss D.F. Bleek,21 November, 1938.

We suggest that as the first stage of production we send you bromide-photographs of all the subjects, so that you should be in no doubt of which paintings are being re-produced. You could also number these bromides in the order in which you wish them to appear in the book and (if you have not already done so) write the inscriptions to the pictures.

The revised quotation is for the production of an edition of 500 copies of a royal quarto book in the style of "Rock Paintings in South Africa", containing 28 plates (10 in three colours, 6 in two colours and 12 in one colour: 8 containing 13 paintings and 4 bearing 9 photographs), together with an outline map (redrawn from the rough sketch you have supplied) showing the location of the paintings and a sketch of Mountain Top Caves as an inset, and 96 pages of text. Bound as before, the cost of the edition would be £598.

You state that "the text need not be 72 pages". We have, however, quoted for 96 pages because we do not see how the plate inscriptions can be arranged except (as before) each facing the picture to which it refers. We have been obliged to quote an approximate figure for this item because we have no 'copy' to work on.

We suggest that if these details are satisfactory you should send us a cable. The bromides can then be put in hand at once. A formal agreement, also, will be sent to you immediately for signature.

Yours faithfully,

METHUEN & CO. LTD.

J. A. White

Director.

