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Vir aandag: Mnr. J. F. Preller

ONDERSOEK VAN HUTVLOERE: DINGAANSTAT

Met verwysing na ons besoek aan Dingaanstad, die samesprekings met uself en prof. Eloff en u versoek om 'n kort verslag, wens ons ons menings as volg op te som:

1. Algemene toestand van die hutvloere

Die oorblyfsels van die vloere was bedek met sand. Sewe vloere is egter onlangs o' gemaak en omhein. Op hierdie vloere het mnr. Chadwick (verwys na verslag H 3/15 van 20 Desember 1972) geëksperimenteer met verskeie materiale om die beskadigde vloere te herstel en te verduursaam. Die gedeeltes van die vuurmaakplekke asook die klein muurtjies in die vloere is redelik suksesvol herstel. Die verskeie middels waarmee gedeeltes van sommige vloere behandel is, het geen noemenswaardige uitwerking daarop gehad nie. Na vier maande het dit in elk geval weg verweer.

Die algemene toestand van die vloere was ons insiens baie swak. Verskeie groot krake het in die meeste vloere voorgekom en die rande van sommige vloere het verbrokkel. Meer as die helfte van twee van die vloere bestaan nie meer nie. Dit was duidelik dat reënwater in die vuurmaakplekke versamel. Daar groei gras deur krake wat al langs die rande hiervan voorkom. Miere het ook groot skade aangerig en op verskeie plekke het hulle deurgewerk na die oppervlakte. Gras en ander plante groei deur hierdie gaatjies asook deur die krake in die vloere.

Die vloere is laer as die omliggende grond. Verder is sandwalle om die vloere aangebring met die gevolg dat reënwater en afloopwater nie van die vloere kan afloop nie, maar daarop bly staan. So spoel grassaad en ander saad ook op die vloere waar dit met verloop van tyd ontkiem en wortel skiet in die krake.

Die dikte van die vloere het gewissel van ongeveer 4 cm in die middel tot minder as 1 cm aan die kante.

'n Paar vloere buitekant die omheining is ook oopgemaak en hul het min of meer dieselfde gelyk as die vloere wat toegekamp was.

'n Aantal vloere buitekant die omheining wat met sand bedek was, is op 'n paar plekke oopgekrap om die toestand van die vloere self te ondersoek.

Dit wou voorkom asof die vloere effens klam en sag was in vergelyking met die vloere wat reeds vir 'n geruime tyd oop was. Die vuurmaakplekke was bedek met poliëtileenvelle. Dit wou voorkom asof die vloermateriaal onder hierdie velle ook klam en sag was.

2. Onderzoek en bespreking

'n Onderzoek het aangedui dat die vloere asook die vuurmaakplekke gemaak is van die miershope wat in die omgewing voorkom. Die boonste lagie van die klei in die vuurmaakplekke is tot 'n mate gebak en uit die mineralogiese samestelling daarvan kan afgelei word dat die temperature in die orde van 500°C tot 600°C kon gewees het. Dit wil voorkom of die boonste lagie van die vloere, sê die boonste cm, ook gebak is toe die stat afgebrand het. Die temperatuur was effens laer soos blyk uit die mineralogiese ondersoek, maar dit was voldoende om 'n harde gebakte lagie te vorm wat weerstand kon bied teen verwerking.

Aangesien die vloere op die oomblik laer is as die omliggende grond

3. Aanbevelings

Die herstel van sulke ou verweerde vloere wat blootgestel is aan wind en weer is 'n uiters moeilike taak. Nog te meer as so veel as moontlik van die oorspronklike vloere behou moet word. Ons is van mening dat indien die vloere nie met 'n afdak beskerm word en verseker word dat geen water en plantwortels die vloere bereik nie, dit nie moontlik is om die vloere permanent te bewaar nie.

Soos bespreek met uself en prof. Eloff, wonder ons of dit nie meer prakties sal wees indien 'n tipiese Zoeloehut gebou word, identies soos die hutte wat in Dingaanstat afgebrand het nie. Identiese vloermateriale kan gebruik word en die nodige voorsorgmaatreëls kan getref word om die vloere en selfs die gras te verduursaam.

Hierna kan die bestaande vloere so goed as moontlik herstel word met dien verstande dat dit nie permanent is nie en dat hulle gereeld opgeknap sal moet word. 'n Kaart wat die posisies van al die hutte aandui, kan ook aangebring word vir besoekers.

Om die bestaande ou vloere te verduursaam en tydelik te herstel, kan ons die volgende aan die hand doen:

- i) Alle vloere wat met sand bedek is, moet ooggemaak word. Die sand op die vloere bevorder die groei van gras en ander plante wat 'n nadelige invloed het op die vloermateriale.
- ii) Die vloere self en hul onmiddellike omgewing moet behandel word met 'n onkruidodder en met miërgif.
- iii) Bome naby die vloere moet uitgehaal word.
- iv) Pogings moet aangewend word om water weg te dreineer van die vloere af. Dit mag selfs nodig wees om van die grond om die vloere te verwyder. Afloopwater moet beheer word en, sê, met slote weggevoer word. Beton of sandsementvore of pype sal miskien die beste wees. Kontoerwalle teen die helling kan ook oorweeg word om die water te beheer.
- v) Ons sou nie aanbeveel dat die vloeroppervlakke met verduursamingsmiddels behandel word nie. Krake in die vloere kan effens uitgekap word en herstel word met 'n mengsel soos deur mr. Chadwick gebruik is, d.w.s. 4 dele van die miernes en 1 deel portlandsement plus die nodige kleurstof of, nog beter, 'n skoon sand-portlandsementmortel wat na wense gekleur word. 'n Portlandsementmortel wat van miershoop gemaak word, sal heelwaarskynlik minder duursaam wees as 'n mortel wat van skoon riviersand en portlandsement gemaak word. So min water as moontlik moet in die mengsel gebruik word en daarna moet die gedeeltes wat herstel is met klam sakke bedek word vir ten minste sewe dae. 'n Oormaat mengwater en die vinnige uitdroging van mortelle lei altyd tot die ontstaan van krimpingskrake. Die vuurmaakplekke en die ander walletjies kan ook so opgebou word. Dit mag ook moontlik wees om ten minste die vuurmaakplekke met die miershoop op te bou en ter plaatse te brand.

Indien ons van enige verdere hulp kan wees in hierdie verband is u welkom om ons weer te nader.

Get. ?? Loubser
namens DIREKTEUR

INSTITUUT MOEDON,
LOOPSTRAAT,
PIETERMARITZBURG,
SUID-AFRIKA.



INSTITUUT MOEDON
LOOP STREET,
PIETERMARITZBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA.

TELEFOON/TELEPHONE 51404

13th September 1973.

Mr J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
RONDEBOSCH

Dear John,

Enclosed is Jeff Guy's paper on environment as an influence in Zulu history. The Zulu 'homeland' is of course the middle White Mfolosi valley around Dingaanstad (Mgungundlovu) while the Mtetwa were farther downstream around the confluence of the Black and White Mfolosi and southwards. If you want to order an air photograph ask for a six times enlargement of the south-east part of Job 484 No. 2195 which should cover the site.

Permits are not needed for the site itself which is just outside Kwa Zulu as it stands today, but would be needed for most of the other royal sites in the area. Some application forms are enclosed and should be filled in in triplicate by non-South Africans, otherwise 1 copy, and returned to the address given. Foreigners have to be screened through Pretoria to weed out the Russian spies. I think you should stress work at the request of N.M.C., research is rather a dirty word. The official I talked to said it would be a good idea to get a letter from N.M.C. and to explain the purpose in a covering letter. Seems a lot of bull and you can expect a six weeks delay. At the moment everyone is so vague about boundaries that I don't think they can be too strict. If you did want to dig a site in Kwa Zulu it seems that permission would have to be obtained from their Cabinet.

Some advice on nomenclature please. In these post Burg Wartensteinian days of analytical models it is a bit difficult to know what to do about giving names to industries. Several of my entities are now fairly well defined in terms of chronology, distribution, architecture, pottery etc. At least they are relatively well defined when compared to most Iron Age industries in sub-Saharan Africa. So far I have been using the terms Type V etc. which refer to the settlement patterns but I feel that there should be a name to cover pottery, architecture and the other aspects. At the same time one doesn't want a proliferation of names. One could follow Burg Wartenstein recommendations eg. as follows:

Proposed Name: Makgwareng Industry
Type Site: 001
Other excavated sites: OU 2, Settlement Unit 2; OND 3.
Associated settlement pattern: Type V
Distribution: N E O.F.S. cf. map.
Chronology: 17th and 19th centuries, C 14 and
historical evidence.
Diagnostic features of industry

Or one could continue to use the Types and extend their meaning, formally or informally to cover the other aspects of the industries. I would much appreciate your comments on this.

Best wishes and regards all round,


T. MAGGS

14th September, 1973

The Hon. Chief Gataha Buthelesi,
Chief Executive Commissioner,
P.O. Box 1,
NONGOMA.
KwaZulu.

Dear Chief Gataha,

I write to you in your capacity as Chief Minister of the KwaZulu Territorial Authority.

I have been lecturing in the Department of Archaeology in the School of African Studies at the University of Cape Town since 1966, during which time my research interests have mostly lain in the Stone Age. However, I have recently been approached to participate in the National Monuments Council excavations at Mgungundlovu, which as you know is itself a National Monument.

I have agreed to conduct some excavations at this important site and at the outset I am very anxious to obtain the sanction and approval of the KwaZulu Territorial Authority. It seems to me that excavations at Mgungundlovu will provide an opportunity for linguists, anthropologists, African historians and archaeologists to collaborate in the re-construction of the prehistory of the Zulu people.

I would be very keen to receive your comments on the projected excavations and will be glad to submit further details of my plans and interests should this be useful to you. Should you feel it necessary I will also write to the King with details of the work we intend carrying out. I would be pleased to have your advice on this and your general feelings about excavations on the site of Mgungundlovu.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON
Acting Head of Department.

14th September, 1973

Mr. G.A. Chadwick,
4, Nicolai Crescent,
Glenmore.
DURBAN.

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

I am sure that Tim Maggs has told you of my interest in the National Monuments Council excavations at Dingaanstad. I understand that you have been trying to locate an archaeologist to liaise with you on the excavations there.

I have volunteered my services to Tim and am very keen to meet you and discuss possible excavation strategies. I hope to be able to spend January and part of February on the site, during which time we should be able to expose a number of aspects of the occupation.

I will be in Natal the weekend of the 6th/7th October this year and would very much like to arrange for us to look over the site and your preliminary excavations. Perhaps at this time you could outline your ideas on the possible re-construction of life on the site, as this would help in the planning of further excavations. As you can imagine there are many details of such excavations to sort out, such as the provision of a labour force, accommodation on the site for myself and my family and the general financing of the project. If you would like to send your comments on these matters before I come to Natal, I would be very keen to hear them, otherwise we could perhaps discuss them in October.

I will write to the KwaZulu Territorial Authority to inform them of my participation in the project in order to enjoy a pleasant working relationship with them.

I look forward to your comments and to our October meeting.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON
Acting Head of Department.

14th September, 1973

Prof. D.A. Seogings,
Department of Land Survey,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN.

Dear Prof. Seogings,

In January and February 1974 I hope to undertake excavations on the site of Dingaanstad, which as you know is presently under investigation by the National Monuments Council.

I am very keen to make an accurate plan of the site and to survey whatever is externally visible. I wonder if you would be interested in co-operating in an air and land survey of this monument? I think that some air photographs and a number of field surveys should enable us to draw an accurate plan of the site, an obvious aid to the planning of excavations. It may be that some preliminary clearing of the site will be necessary before such surveys can be carried out.

I intend to visit the site during the weekend of the 6th/7th October this year, at which time I would be very keen to meet you and discuss possible fieldwork. I look forward to your comments on my proposals and to meeting you in October.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Parkington
Acting Head of Department.



UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

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TELEPHONE: 352461

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE REGISTRAR

Department of Land Surveying

In reply please quote:

20th September, 1973.

Professor J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
Private Bag,
Rondebosch,
CAPE PROVINCE.

Dear Professor Parkington,

Thank you for your letter of the
14th September concerning Dingaanskraal.

I would certainly be very interested
in helping in any way I can with ground and aerial
survey work. This would entail of course some field
work etc. which would mean some running expenses. The
latter would only include the essentials as my time is
always given free of charge.

I certainly look forward to seeing you
early in October when we can go into the problem in
detail. Would it be possible to give me some idea of
the day and time you are likely to be in Durban? The
University phone number is 352461 and my home number
is 726909.

Yours sincerely,

David Scogings

----- 657420

26th September, 1973

Prof. D. Seogings,
Department of Land Surveying,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN.

Dear Professor Seogings,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th September. I intend arriving in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday, 7th October and will stay with Tim Maggs of the Natal Museum.

We plan to visit Dingaanskraal on Monday, 8th October and would be very happy if you could find time to come along. I am sure that it would be easier to plan surveys of the site on the spot. Thank you for the telephone numbers. I will contact you on my arrival in Pietermaritzburg and in the meantime any further information can be sought from Tim Maggs.

I hope something can be arranged and look forward to our meeting.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Parkington.

----- 657420

17th October, 1973

Dr. P.P. Stander,
Dingansstat,
P/a MELMOTH.
3855

Dear Duminy Stander,

Very many thanks for all of your kindness on our recent visit to your Mission at Dingansstat. It was most interesting to see your prehistoric collection and it is especially reassuring to know that local materials can be housed in your museum.

As you know, I am intending to excavate parts of the Mingsan's Kraal site on behalf of the National Monuments Council in January 1974. I would be very pleased if you could visit our excavations and add your considerable knowledge of the site and the area to our efforts. Whilst excavating we are anxious to stay close to the site so as to minimise travel. It was for this reason that I asked whether we may not be permitted to use some of the accommodation at your Mission to house our excavation party. I would be most grateful if you would allow us the use of three of your rondavels for the month of January. It would be useful if we could have access to the cooking area in the double rondavel as well as the sleeping huts. I hope you will be able to offer us some help in this matter and look forward to your reply.

As regards labour, I am still uncertain as to how much money we can afford to spend on this, but we will certainly not require more than 4 or 5 labourers for the month of January. I hope I will be able to be more definite soon and will be guided by you on the question of wages. One last point is the question of water supplies at the site. Are the local streams infected by bilharzia? We would like to use the water to wash our pottery and other samples but I am afraid this might not be possible because of the dangers of infection.

I hope to hear from you soon and look forward to our next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON.

— 657420

18th October, 1973

Mr. T.M.O'G Maggs,
Natal Museum,
Loop Street,
PIETERMARITZBURG.
3201

Dear Tim,

Mike, Janette and I would like to say thanks to you and Val for your hospitality during our stay in Pietermaritzburg. We really enjoyed meeting Colin Webb and generally being cossetted in your house.

As regards Umgungundlovu, I wonder whether you could check up on a few details for me. I have arranged for proton-magnetometry and resistivity survey and hope that these can be keyed in to Professor Scogings' proposed contour map. The Rotation is still outstanding but I'm sure we can get some sort of machine up there by January. I think that our best bet as regards phosphate and nitrogen sampling is to try and persuade someone in the AgFac at Natal to agree to do a series of readings from our grid - free if possible, but perhaps we will have to pay. I think the NMC should carry enough weight to get some service here, but if you or Stan or someone else has a contact this would be the best approach. Could you chase that up a bit as you are nearer.

I have suggested to Chadwick that we try and get Mr. Hind along in January as he seems to be the right sort of practical chap - with equipment and labour at his command. Can you contact him - or let me know how to do it - and sound him out. I hope he won't dig there in the meantime, and perhaps you can find out what he can command in the way of labour and earthmoving gear.

Equipment is not so difficult. We have a bakkie coming up and I am writing to Melmoth garages about possible hiring of a Peugeot bakkie. I seem to remember your saying that your Jeep will be available in cases of dire need! Is this so? Our bakkie will bring a few sieves and fine excavation gear and we should be able to scrounge a few buckets, trays, tressles etc. from Natal Museum, Mr. Hind and other friendly institutions. One item we will need, I think, is at least one large and preferably cool tent and about five large sun-umbrellas under which to sort.

Boxes, packets, string and stationery should be available easily and I will either buy here or try and pick them up in Pietermaritzburg in early January. Who makes those nice packets you mentioned? Does the Museum have quick access to hardware merchants re string, pegs, etc.?

Well, that's enough for one request, keep me informed on the local scene and I'll try and keep you informed of plans from this end. Once again, thanks to you and Val and love to the kids.

Yours,

John.

— 657420

19th October, 1973

The Manager,
Springbok Garage,
P.O. MELMOTH.
3835

Dear Sir,

I shall be engaged in archaeological research close to Melmoth during January 1974 on behalf of the National Monuments Council. I am keen to hire a Peugeot bakkie to transport supplies between Melmoth and our sites and wonder whether you are able to hire out such vehicles.

I would be grateful to know whether this would be possible and, if so, at what charges.

Yours faithfully, .

J.E. PARKINGTON
Lecturer and Acting Head of Department.

— 657420

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Lecturer and Acting Head of Department.

19th October, 1973

Prof. D. Seogings,
Department of Land Surveying,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Professor Seogings,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to chat to us about Dingaan's Kraal when we were in Durban the weekend before last. Thanks also for the photographs and xeroxed plan of the site. After I left Durban I had the opportunity of visiting the site and making an on-the-spot assessment of its potential and problems. It's a very large site with a considerable bush cover and less level than I had anticipated. Nevertheless, I am very keen to dig there in January 1974 and again later, and look forward to the co-operation we spoke of.

It would be very convenient from our point of view if you could visit us during the first week of our stay there, between the first and the fifth of January. I am sure your time is valuable but you are most welcome to stay as long as you can, as I am keen to try out the small-scale photogrammetrical techniques you mentioned, as well as to prepare for air photographic survey. I have tentatively arranged for some protonmagnetometry and resistivity survey which I think will show up a number of the buried features of the site without having to resort to large scale excavation.

I would also like to persuade someone to undertake a programme of phosphate and nitrogen sampling to try and re-locate byres or other anomalies of that sort. All of these surveys will, I hope, be keyed in to a detailed contoured grid of the site, such as air photography and photogrammetry can produce. If you have any comments as to what sort of preparation we can make to facilitate your work, please write and let me know.

I look forward to our next meeting and to a fruitful time in January.

Yours sincerely,

John Partridge

The Director of Community Affairs
Kwa-Zulu Government Service,
Private Bag 9007,
PIETERMARITZBURG

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION
24(1) OF ACT NO. 18 OF 1936.

THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,
KWA-ZULU GOVERNMENT SERVICE,
PRIVATE BAG 9007,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

I hereby apply for the necessary Ministerial Authority
in terms of Section 24(1) of Act No. 18 of 1936, to enter/
reside in Location/Reserve/Released Area No. _____

Called _____

District(s) of _____

and in support of this application I have to furnish the
following Particulars:

- (1) Full Names : _____
- (2) (a) Nationality _____ (b) Race _____
- (3) If Naturalised South African, date of Naturalisation :

- (4) Place of Birth _____
- (5) Date of Birth _____
- (6) Church Denomination _____
- (7) How long resident in the Republic _____
- (8) If South African, National Identity Number _____
- (9) Period for which permit is required _____
- (10) Purpose of visit to or residence in the Bantu Areas

Date : _____

Signature :

Residential Address :-

Business Address :-

N.B. The applicant's residential and business addresses over
the past 10 years are also required and the back of this form
may be used for this purpose.

Persons wishing to undertake research or to make films in Bantu
areas should complete the following declarations :-

I, hereby undertake to
furnish to the Department of Bantu Administration and Development
within three months of completion of my work and before publi-
cation a copy of my treatise book, article or film, and under-
stand that any permit will be issued subject to this condition.

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4, NICOLAI CRESCENT,

Teles H. 419168
O. 63631

GLENMORE,

DURBAN, 4001.

22nd October, 1973.

Mr. J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
Private Bag,
RONDEBOSCH,
7700.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

DINGAAN'S KRAAL : PROPOSED EXCAVATIONS.

1. Thank you very much for your letter of 17th October and for the estimate of costs which was attached.
2. I shall go into the matter fully when I am in Cape Town and let you know the result as soon as I possibly can.
3. You will excuse my not answering your letter fully at this stage but I have only a few moments before I must be on my travels again.
4. I am concerned that you have written to Chief Gatsha Buthelezi about the site. It is the property of the National Monuments Council, i.e. the State, and the Council is responsible for what happens on it. Our contact is via the Secretary for National Education to the Department of Bantu Administration and all matters affecting the site and Kwa Zulu should pass through our hands in this fashion. I am afraid that any departure from this pattern can lead to serious repercussions which may wreck the whole scheme. We hope that this will not be so.
5. I hope to see you when I am in Cape Town.

Yours sincerely,

pp. Nelson
G.A. CHADWICK.

Springbok Garage

Proprietor: DOUGLAS A. ASHINGTON

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MELMOTH, ZULULAND

30th October 1973.

The University of Cape-
Department of Archaeology Tour,
School of African Studies,
P/Bag Rondebosch.
C.P.

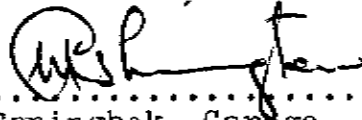
Dear Mr, Parkington,

re: YOUR ENQUIRY
PEUGEOT BAKKIE

Much as I would have liked to assist you in this matter, we have no licence for leasing of Hiring any vehicles, and we regret that we will not be able to assist you in this matter.

We are the Peugeot Dealers and should we be in a position to help we will gladly do so. However, I think it best that you write to Parcs for Peugeot in Empangeni. If they have not got a Hire Bakkie, I do know of at least two people who have some Bakkies for hire. One is John Vermaak c/o Silverton Services, Empangeni. I trust you will be assisted from that source.

Yours faithfully,



(for) Springbok Garage.



Ned. Geref. Teologiese Skool Stofberg
te Dingaanstat

TELEFOON: 1721 (kantoor).

SPOORADRES: P.M.D. MELMOTH.

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DINGAANSTAT,

P/s 829,

MELMOTH.

30th October 1973

Mr. J.E. Parkington,
Dep. of Archaeology,
Private Bag,
Rondebosch, C.P.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

In answer to your letter of 17th October 1973, I have the following to advise:

1. We are reserving three of our rondawels for your occupation during the month of January at the nominal amount of R 50-00. The cooking area as well as the ablution unit will be at your disposal.
2. As you noticed there are the bare necessities only. A four burner stove - no cooking utensils or crockery - electric light from dusk to 10 p.m. Hot water is obtainable by gass. Gass will be supplied.
3. There are the necessary beds - no pillows or bed clothes - tables and chairs.
4. If you would like a Bantu girl to tidy up every morning, we would probably find one at about R 10 per month.
5. All food supplies are obtainable at Melmoth.
6. Concerning labourers. We are still uncertain as to who of our students will be available at that time. I must warn you that it is quite a problem to obtain labourers as they go elsewhere to earn a living.
7. Unfortunately I will be away at that time. I am genuinely disappointed about this, as I would have enjoyed it very much to watch your methods of excavating and share the excitement of your finds

I wish you success with the preparations and labour here.

Yours sincerely,

P.P. Stander

P.P. Stander.

1 November 1973.

AAN ALLE LEDE:

Die volgende verslag is van mnr. G.A.Chadwick.

DINGANE'S KRAAL : REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hut floors and proposed diorama:-

During 1973 the following progress was made with the preservation of the hut floors:-

1.1. During July Messrs. Maggs and Chadwick worked on the site and were able to uncover several floors, collect pottery and beads and make a detailed survey of the floors already uncovered. Two interesting finds are worthy of mention

(a) a brewery with 11 holes for brew pots

(b) a hut floor often pointed out as that of Tambusa;

it was found to have rows of post boles in it (it would appear to have been a storage hut). Several floors were treated with bedacryl which gave them a somewhat dark and shiny appearance when first applied (see below). Weedkiller as recommended by the Dept. of Agriculture was applied but it is not very effective. N.B. The highly poisonous weedkillers were avoided because of picnics and stock.

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2/3.3.Mr.....

1 November 1973.

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 - (1) That he and 12 of his students work for 30 days on the site;
 - (2) That he experiments with resistivity surveys, magnetometry flotation techniques.

3.4. Mr Parkington gave an estimate of expenditure but I have adjusted it as follows:

- (1) SUBSISTENCE : 12 people at R1 per person per day
for 30 days 360,00
- (2) TRANSPORT: vehicle from Cape Town = 2500 miles
at 5c per mile 125,00 }
hire of bakkie in Pietermaritzburg..... 100,00 }
- (3) EQUIPMENT: packaging, stationery, excavation,
preservation..... 200,00 - *Get all*
N.B. includes : flotation equipment
possible hire of resistivity equipment.
- (4) LABOUR: no more than 4 people at R35 per month..... 140,00
N.B. actual wages to be in accordance
with local custom.

An amount of R1200 recommended.

R 925,00

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1st November, 1973.

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- ② diam
- ③ wgs
- ④ jet - brass

One only floating cell, manufactured
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DELIVERY TIME: to be arranged

DELIVERY BASIS: your premises

**PACKING &
INSURANCE:** N/A

INSTALLATION: N/A

REMARKS:

Any order is accepted on condition that in the
event of Emaillit being obliged to pay increased
costs of material, statutory wage increases or
increased exchange rates on imported items, these
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Trusting the above will meet with your kind approval and awaiting the favour of your
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Yours faithfully,

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Packing and despatch are always undertaken to the best of our judgment but without any liability on our part in respect of any damage suffered once the goods are despatched from our Works.

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EMALLIT (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

RAAD VIR NATIONALE GEDENKWAARDIGHEDE,
Posbus 4637,
KAAPSTAD.

1 November 1973.

AAN ALLE LEDE:

Die volgende verslag is van mnr. G.A.Chadwick.

DINGANE'S KRAAL : REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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PIETERMARITZBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA.

TELEFOON/TELEPHONE 51404

5th November 1973.

Mr J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
RONDEBOSCH

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter. I will go and see the Professor of Soil Science about the soil sampling and if nothing comes of that there is always the local Agricultural Research Station which is more or less obliged to do things of this sort. However, it would be better to find a well "motivated" person who might even do the collecting etc., so I will try Agfac. first.

Mr E.L. Hyde is at: P.O. Box 60, Ladysmith in case you need to contact him, but I have written to ask if he can bring down the N.M.C. tools etc. and spend a few days at the site at the beginning of January plus labour.

I will be on holiday near Ladysmith from Xmas to 1st January so can look him up then and try to sort out the finds he has there. We return to Pietermaritzburg on the first and will be at your disposal re transport etc. with the Museum truck.

Searched everywhere but can't find name of paper bag suppliers. They were an old fashioned merchant type establishment in Commercial St. one down from Roeland and about behind Fredman Motors. They had to order the bags, I think from Viking or Vanguard.

If you are ordering them please get R15-20 worth for me as we can't get any decent ones here. Hardware shops are easily accessible in Pietermaritzburg but have only the more common items, anything unusual would best be got in Cape Town.

The Museum is beginning to despair of ever getting an ethnologist so we are now thinking of somebody who might be interested in ethno/archaeology - perhaps to work on other historical Zulu sites but there are several other possibilities. Failing that we thought of getting someone initially for about a 2 year period to work on rock art or some local Stone Age material. I warned the Museum that archaeology is a sellers market at the moment, but as we have a post already available we would like to fill it, either permanently or on a temporary - say 2 year basis. Is there anyone at U.C.T. who might be interested ? It could be a nice opportunity to do an M.A. thesis or something of this kind as it would be a research post with the minimum of other duties. And the Museum would like there to be a definite research project in mind. If there is anyone around at the moment or if next year's crop produces anyone suitable you might bear this in mind.

Hope your arrangements are going with well-oiled precision.

Regards all round.

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Mr. Parkington

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20th November, 1973

Mr. G.A. Chadwick,
4, Nicolai Crescent,
Glenmore,
DURBAN.4001

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

Can I raise a number of points about our coming month at Dingaan's Kraal. The first point is accommodation. I have heard from Duminy Stander that we can rent a number of rondawals for the month at a nominal fee of R50. I would obviously like to reply to Duminy Stander fairly soon but for reasons which I explained when you were here it might be more convenient for us to be more isolated and more independent. Have you had any success in locating a vacant farmhouse in the area, or should I accept the offer of the mission and hope that they will be tolerant?

The second point is that of general equipment which we can use whilst we are there and which could subsequently be used by yourself. The sorts of things I have in mind are packaging materials, i.e. a range of polythene and strong paper packets in a variety of sizes to house everything from a bulky soil sample down to small beads etc. We will also need a large supply of pegs and skewers. If we hope to excavate in a number of places and to survey in important features we will need to put down a number of datum points, marked preferably by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch square wooden stakes. Smaller metal skewers can be used for the drawing and plotting of small-scale features within the overall grid. I consider that one of our most important tasks is to survey such features as emerge and to have them accurately drawn on a site plan. We would need for this a number of notebooks and a good supply of graph paper and tracing paper in rolls and a number of small graph pads and all the stationery to go with it. Another important activity, either on site or back at the camp, will be the sorting of presumably large quantities of pottery, beads and other small finds. For this we will need a fair amount of table-top space. I suggest that we try and get some trestle tables and folding chairs up to the site, some of which we may well be able to borrow from the Natal Museum.

As far as heavy excavation equipment goes, I seem to remember that you indicated that either yourself or Mr. Hyde could obtain enough shovels, picks, wheelbarrows and buckets to keep a small team, say 6 labourers, occupied. One final point whilst on the question of excavation, we will need some fine and coarse mesh sieves and sorting trays. We could bring some of these up with us and I am sure, once again, that the Natal Museum will be able to provide the remainder. I am writing to Tim to try and get a precise account of what we can borrow from the Natal Museum. On a separate sheet I have indicated the sorts of equipment for which there would appear to be on-going need at the excavation. I hope that these are the sorts of things which can come off your Historical Monuments Council grant for the site.

H. 3/15.

Tel. H. 419168
O. 63631

Chadwick

4, NICOLAI CRESCENT,
GLENMORE,
DURBAN, 4001.

26th November, 1973.

Mr. J. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
Private Bag,
RONDEBOSCH,
7700.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

Dingane's Kraal.

1. Thank you very much for your letter of 20th November, 1973 and my apologies for not having written before.
2. Accommodation: I intended to go to Dingane's Kraal to negotiate re accommodation and other matters on 17th and 18th November but a cricked back and fuel restrictions stopped me. After that I was in Pretoria for a week and have to go away again tomorrow morning. I shall try to get someone to try to make arrangements and send you a telegram on Saturday when I get back.
3. General Equipment: I can have most of the material supplied. I even have some broad planks which we can use for tables. I shall ring Tim Maggs and between us we will make the material available. I presume you use metric graph paper.
4. Excavation Equipment: If we cannot borrow the things I shall have them supplied.
5. Water: We have a number of empty 5 gallon Bedacryl tins which we can use and I will get some large rubbish bins for you to use and leave on the site. I am sure the Mission will supply pumped water which is free of bilharzia.
6. Clearing the Site: When I spoke of this I referred to trees and large shrubs only not the actual floors. I have tentatively arranged for the last week in December but this can easily be changed to the 1st week in January, 1974 when I shall be able to be present as well. Mr. Hyde will do it and his Bantu can help you with the site.

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7. Finance: Mr. Malan has details of this in the National Monuments Council minutes but the amounts I mentioned are as follows:-

Subsistence		R360
Transport - 1 vehicle from		
Cape Town	R125	
Bakkie	<u>100</u>	R225
Equipment (exclusive of that mentioned in your letter which I will provide		R200
Labour		<u>R140</u>
		<u>R925</u>

When I am in Pretoria I will discuss the matter of Dr. W.G. Siesser's transport. When I get back from Pretoria I will discuss matters with Prof. Scoggings.

8. A final blow: I shall have to ask our Chairman to consider the implications of all this in the light of the fuel crisis. We have postponed all our unnecessary travelling. This I shall do when I am in Pretoria. If petrol rationing comes in on 10th January, will you be able to get back to Cape Town?

Yours sincerely,


G.A. CHADWICK.

AL SCHOOL

26th November 1978

mentioned me to you.

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27th November, 1973.

The Hon. Chief Gatsha Buthelezi,
Chief Executive Commissioner,
P.O. Box 1,
NONGOMA.
KwaZulu.
3950.

Dear Chief, Gatsha,

May I refer to my letter of the 14th of September, in which I indicated my intention to excavate at Umgungundlovu this coming January.

I realise that you must be very busy at present but I would be most grateful to have your comments on excavations at important Zulu sites such as Umgungundlovu before I commence work there. It is very important to me to know that the KwaZulu Territorial Authorities approve of this sort of excavation and have the opportunity to participate in its planning. Should it be possible, I would like the chance to meet you in January, perhaps even at Umgungundlovu itself, in order to discuss on the spot what might be done at the site.

I hope this is not an inconvenience but I am sure you understand my feelings. I can be reached at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cape Town until the 15th of December, after which my postal address will be c/o the Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON

A third important problem is the question of water on the site. If we are going to try and float out botanical material from the sediments or even if we merely want to wash specimens on the spot, we will have to try and utilize the local stream water. Have you any suggestions as to how we can overcome the problem of Bilharzia? Perhaps one solution is to take a number of 44-gallon drums to the site and to have a system of water treatment which allows a steady supply of water for washing specimens, etc.

Fourthly, I have been doing some more thinking about your suggestion that one horn of the site be cleared prior to our arrival. As you can appreciate, many of the important finds will come from the topsoil on top of hut floors and it may be that important contextual information will be lost if the soil is disturbed during site clearance. I feel, therefore, that it would be advisable to clear the site whilst we are actually there. In other words, can I suggest that during the first few days of January when we are getting to understand the site, planning excavations and surveying in features, that your team of labourers be employed to clear selected areas. If this were done we could get on with our own tasks and at the same time supervise clearing so as to avoid unnecessary disturbance or destruction. This will not hold us up because there are plenty of jobs which can go on parallel with the clearing. If this suggestion is impossible to implement, I would strongly recommend that no clearing is done without either yourself or Tim Maggs on the site to supervise it. My preference is understandably for my own suggestion but I would welcome your comments on it.

Finally, I have not yet heard from the Historical Monuments Council as to financial arrangements and the breakdown of approved costs but I am sure this information is on its way. In the meantime, working from memory, I am assuming something like R300 budget for subsistence, R300 for travel and a further R300 for equipment and labour. You mentioned that your grant would cover the expenses of at least one valuable visitor. Dr. W.G. Siesser of the Geology Department here at U.C.T. has kindly offered to bring and use both a protonmagnetometer and a resistivity surveyor. I would be grateful if you could make arrangements for his return air flight Cape Town to Durban for the first week of January to be paid for. I presume also that you have been in contact with Prof. Scogings about his intended visit. He may have some equipment requirements of which I know nothing.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON.

ON-GOING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS - UMGUNGUNDLOVU.

1. PACKAGING :

A variety of sizes of both strong polythene and strong paper packets, say $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. to 20 lbs.

Cardboard boxes to accommodate excavated material for transportation to Pietermaritzburg and in part Cape Town.

2. SURVEY :

Large supply (say initially 200) of wooden stakes, roughly $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch square and 18 inch long.

Metal skewers of two sizes, say 6 inch and 12 inch - perhaps initially 500.

3. DRAWING :

A large roll of graph paper, a roll of tracing paper and about 6 metric graph pads.

A supply of pencils, ballpoints and erasers.

4. BOREING :

Trestle tables and up to 8 folding chairs.

5. EXCAVATION :

Sufficient shovels, picks, wheelbarrows and buckets of standard size to equip a team of, say 10 labourers engaged in clearing hut floors or less sensitive excavation tasks.

— 657420

3rd December, 1973

Mr. G.A. Chadwick.
4, Nicolai Crescent,
Glenmore,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Mr. Chadwick.

Thank you very much for your letter of the 26th November. It seems that there should not be too many problems as regards equipment and, one way or another, our accommodation should be sorted out quite soon. The only possible under-estimate I may have made is in the number of wooden pegs that we will need. If we are to survey, as I hope we will, the whole site, we will need a very large supply of wooden stakes. However, I assume that these are not too difficult to get hold of and that we can get more as need arises.

As regards clearing of the site, the arrangements that you have made to begin in the last week of December would seem just about right. We will all be up on the site the following week and should be able to keep an eye on things on the spot. I am pleased that Mr. Hyde will be on the site and I am sure he and his team will be tremendously useful in the first weeks of our excavations.

The fuel crisis presents us with something of a problem. Quite obviously we must eliminate all unnecessary petrol expenditure from our budget. The situation as it stands is that both myself and Mr. Taylor who will be excavating with me at Ungungundlovu will be in Natal in any case in early January. Our presence, therefore, does not require any expenditure on petrol. I have told the three students who are keen to help on the site that they must make their own arrangements by train to get to the site and we will thus bring no transport up from Cape Town to Natal. I propose, therefore, to spend the R225 allocated to transport on the hire of a bakkie locally for basic travel on the site and on rail fares between Cape Town and Pietermaritzburg. This means that none of our expenditure goes on unnecessary use of petrol, something which must obviously be avoided particularly by government or semi-government institutions at the present time.

I have been in contact with Mr. Malan of the National Monuments Council and he is quite prepared to make a number of cheques available to me for the expenses of the excavation. We have tentatively planned to be on the site on the morning of the 3rd January. I look forward to meeting you there and planning the course of the excavations.

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.

— 657420

4th December, 1973.

Professor D. Scogings,
Department of Land Surveying,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Professor Scogings,

Just a short note to confirm that we will be excavating at Ungungundlovu from the beginning of January 1974. I hope that we will arrive at the site on the 2nd or 3rd of January and present indications are that we will be staying at the Dutch Reformed Church Mission. As soon as we are settled in Natal I will give you more details and perhaps then we could arrange the exact timing of your visit to the site.

As I remember we planned for you to be there quite early in our stay so as to locate some points on the ground prior to aerial survey. One of our excavating assistants is, in fact, a qualified land surveyor and he has offered to help you with the ground survey. His name is Heinz Ruthe and he lectures in the Department of Land Survey at U.C.T. I hope that with his and your help we will be able to survey the whole site and to establish a fairly fine mesh grid over parts of the site on to which we can orientate our resistivity and magnetic surveys.

Just yesterday I was speaking to Dr. Newton of the U.C.T. department of Geology about the possibilities of picking up the hut floors from aerial photographs. He suggested that infra-red photography, if taken at the right time of year, might well show up chlorophyll differences due to variable moisture content of the soil. I seem to remember your mentioning the possibility of false colour photography when we met you in Durban. Will it be possible to experiment with this during your flights over the site?

All in all, despite the fuel crisis, plans seem to be getting finalised and I am very much looking forward to a month in the field at Ungungundlovu and to some fruitful inter-disciplinary collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Parkinson.

— 657420

4th December, 1973

Mr. T.M. O'C. Maggs,
Natal Museum,
Loop Street,
PIETERMARITZBURG.
3201

Dear Tim,

As you probably know this fuel crisis has put the cat among the pigeons as regards excavations at Dingaanskraal. The upshot might well be that we will not be able to bring a vehicle from Cape Town to Pietermaritzburg, which in turn means that we will be short on transport on the site and will have to bring less equipment up with us.

The sorts of equipment which we would have brought in a bakkie but might not now be able to bring are crockery and general kitchen utensils, small excavation gear such as trowels, brushes, pans etc. and camping gear such as camping stretchers and blankets.

I wonder whether amongst Pat Carter's gear or amongst your museum equipment there would not be enough unused at the time to equip us for January. I understand that this is a bit of an imposition but it would help if we did not have to bring very much up with us. Mr. Chadwick seems to be able to provide most of the heavier equipment, bags, packets, boxes etc. and we will obviously have to bring up the survey gear and the flotation cell. If you can give me an idea quite soon as to what you have and what you don't have to spare, I could arrange for trunks to be packed and sent by rail.

The final problem is of course a vehicle to get in and out of the site. We obviously can not use private transport. Can you check out the possibilities of using museum or P.A. vehicles for the month (Mr. Chadwick can certainly help with the P.A. side, although I have not mentioned it to him yet.) If you can let me know before the 12th I can make a final decision as to how and ~~which~~ what equipment we can come. Sorry to burden you yet again. I look forward to seeing you in January - we hope to arrive at the site about the 2nd if all goes well down here in the way of inter-disciplinary support etc.

Yours,

John.

----- 657420

4th December, 1973

The Director,
Geological Survey,
PRETORIA.

For the attention of Mr. A. du Plessis,
Department of Geology,
University of Cape Town.

Dear Sir,

During January 1974 I will be directing excavations on behalf of the National Monuments Council at Ingungundlovu in Zululand. As you probably know, this is the very large royal kraal of Dingaan, occupied between 1829 and 1839. It was burnt down and abandoned in 1839 but the site is still known. The National Monuments Council have now decided to reconstruct parts of the site so as to illustrate various aspects of Zulu life, in this case, in one of the royal kraals.

The purpose of my letter to you is to request the loan of a protonmagnetometer to aid in a ground survey of the site. There were originally about 1700 huts on the site, some of which are now visible but most of which are buried beneath about a foot of topsoil. It would be a great saving in time and money if we could locate the buried hut floors using a protonmagnetometer. I would be grateful if such equipment could be lent to us for the month of January 1974. Dr. W.G. Siesser of the Department of Geology at the University of Cape Town will supervise the use of the equipment and we will, of course, be responsible for any damage to it.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

J.E. PARKINGTON
Acting Head of Department.

—657420

4th December, 1973

Duminy P.P. Stander,
Ned. Geref. Teologiese Skool,
Dingaansgat,
P/s 829,
MELBOTH.
3635

Dear Duminy Stander,

Many thanks for your letter of the 30th October. I am sorry that it has taken so long for me to respond. The reason for the delay is that Mr. Chadwick has been trying to find an empty farmhouse in which we could live so as to avoid taking up too much of your accommodation for such a long time.

So far we have had no success and thus would like to take up your very kind offer. Should we get hold of a vacant farmhouse, I am sure you would appreciate us staying there so that you may use your accommodation for your usual purposes. It seems a great shame that we should take up three of your rondawels and leave very little accommodation for the many visitors you receive during the summer. May I then gratefully accept your offer of three rondawels plus cooking and ablution facilities for the month of January 1974.

I hope that you will not be away for the whole of our visit and that we can talk some more about Dingaansgat and other local sites.

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.



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Ref: 76/302/12/73

4th December, 1973

Mr. J. Parkington,
Dept. African Studies,
University of Cape Town,
Rondebosch,
CAPE TOWN,
Republic of South Africa.

Dear John,

Stabilisation of daga floors

When I spoke to you in Pretoria you asked me for details of the materials we used.

The most successful in my experience has been NOVOSIL W.R.R. clear silicone 7½% in spirit. This we dilute with 3 parts of water and spray onto the surface. This is also ideal for the strengthening of sandstone monuments etc. Several applications should be made and repeated on observation every one or two years.

Another system we have used is Epoxy Resin and fibre glass. This stabilises the surface but darkens it very badly. I think the first is suitable for your work ~~at Bulawayo~~.

Kind regards and best wishes for the coming festivities.

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Cooke
Curator of Monuments

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Enquiries: Mr B.D. Malan.

6th December, 1973.

Mr J. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
RONDEBOSCH.

Dear John,

DINGAANSKRAAL : EXCAVATIONS AND RESEARCH.


Referring to our telephone conversations and those you have had with our Durban member, Mr Chadwick, I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for R925,00, the amount estimated in Mr Chadwick's report, to enable you to take a research expedition to Dingaanskraal and carry out the work agreed upon.

Please regard this as an advance against expected expenditure. Any small difference either way can be adjusted in due course or you may call on this office for a further advance if necessary. My total authority for the job is limited to R1200.

Dr Siesser's air ticket may be charged to the National Monuments Council and submitted to this office for payment, independantly of the R925.

I enclose a copy of a report which Mr Chadwick submitted at the last meeting of the Council for your information - although you probably already have a copy. You may assume that Mr Chadwick will act for the Council should any question arise and I shall take it that you will maintain contact with him.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY. (BDM)

BDM/mlb.

Encl: cheque No.3084.

Department of Archaeology.

7th December, 1973.

Miss A. Phelps,
Pathology Department,
St. Mary's Hospital Medical School,
LONDON. W.2.

Dear Miss Phelps,

Just a few quick comments on your letter of the 26th November.
'Quick' because we are just about to pack up and leave, ultimately for
Natal.

I am afraid that with the present fuel crisis we are relatively
hamstrung as regards transport in Natal. This means that we could not
undertake to transport you to or from the site but would gladly arm you
with a trowel or a measuring rod should you pitch up independently.

We shall be at Dingane's Kraal from about the 3rd January to the
beginning of February. The site is well-known in the area and is about
30 km. northwest of the town of Melmoth. There is a mission station at
the site but the nearest dot on the map likely to have a name is Ntonjemeni.

This will be our first visit to the site and if you find it you are
liable to encounter unparalleled chaos.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Parkington.



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Department of Land Surveying

13th December 1973

Mr. J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
Rondebosch,
7700.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

Thank you for your letter of 4th December 1973 concerning your visit to Umgungundlovu.

I was pleased to learn that you will have the assistance of Heinz Ruthe. I will be able to spend the day with you on Thursday 3rd January as I am already engaged on Friday 4th and hope to get away for 10 days holiday on Monday 7th January.

About three years ago I tried infrared * photography of the site but without achieving anything. This is why I suggested to Chadwick that it would be worth clearing the site since originally there were no, or very few trees present.

I have just re-read your letter and realised that you hope to spend a month on the site so if the 3rd is no good I could visit you after the 18th January.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

D.A. SCOGINGS

PROFESSOR OF PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYING

* because of trees cover.

— 657420

18th December, 1973

Mr. B.D. Malan,
Secretary,
National Monuments Council,
P.O. Box 4637,
CAPE TOWN.
8000

Dear Mr. Malan,

Further to our telephone conversation today, I now
enclose Invoice CT 26425 from Castlemarine Travel Limited for
R92.00. in respect of Dr. W.G. Siesser's air tickets to Durban.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

REF. # 3/15

4 Nacional Crescent
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BURBURY
27 December 1972

Secretary
National Buildings Council
27, rue de la
SARAJEVO

Re: 2nd phase of restoration of Nacional Crescent, 2nd Street.

1. Provincial Building Services were holding an organized works order for some £20,000 for the above mentioned site which was requested to meet the Budget Committee at Burdett's Quay on 15th December 1972 to commence the 2nd phase of the restoration.
2. Provincial Building Services sent Mr. Hyde plus 2 others and Mr. Stander and Dr. van Dijk were unable to be present.
3. Messrs. Hyde and Chadwick worked at the site on 14 and 15 December and Mr. Hyde did not continue there until 23 December.
4. Mr. I. J. Stander and Mr. Hugo Harris were consulted about the work but neither of them were in a position to assist.
5. The work done during the 1st two days:
 - 5.1 General restoration.
The room signs which had blown down were reattached, in some cases repaired and bolted to the poles. Poles were treated with concrete. The lettering in the original R.M.C. commemorative notices was repainted in red and black.
 - 5.2 Restoration of hvt floors.
Room no. 1 in the prohibited area was chosen as an experimental site. See attached sketch plans.
 - (a) Treatment of undamaged floor
 - 1) ~~Plastic resin~~ ^{Plastic resin} Unfortunately the epoxy supplied by Dr. van Dijk from Natal University stores was found to have deteriorated and only a very small amount was usable. It sealed the floor but gave it a somewhat shiny appearance.
 - 2) Industrial finish (Parthensol) + L/S titanium oxide etc. floor impervious to water and white washing or gave it a dark shiny appearance. This defect was hardly discernable.
 - 3) Marbleite. When first applied gave the floor a red shiny appearance but on drying sealed the floor and was hardly discernable.

*Similar
to basement*

(4) Several of the 1/2" diameter rebar are placed but give in a rather red silt appearance.

N.B. (a) Work is not the floors are still in use and subject

(b) Treating a 100' floor being with 5' width of dressing. The rest of the floor is treated with a mixture of 2 parts of cement and 1 part of gravel very expensive.

(5) Treatment of damaged floors, floors 21, 22 and ridge 100' 10' dividing storage area from sleeping area.

a. FLOOR FINISH

(1) In the two floors were normally made from 1/2" dia. sub-surface barbed mesh and local gravel or sand mixed to a heavy paste with water applied by hand and worked smooth with a broom.

(2) There is plenty of ball available in the area. It was found that the mixture on its own would retain the broken pieces of the rubble and ball in place and a mixture of 2 parts of cement and 1 part of gravel was used.

(3) To give this mixture a red appearance local red gravel was available on top and worked in by hand. On drying it was found that this treatment gave surface which was too rough and that the cement caused the mixture to dry with a white colour. This was treated as follows:

(a) Worked down with a broom which gave a fine smooth appearance but still too rough.

(b) Sprayed with 'Acrylic' and the patch was finished with a red oxide. This may have as it was applied the surface layer was still dark.

(c) Treated with industrial paint in black and red and black oxide. By varying the amounts of colour it was possible to make a range of colours to match the patch and the rest of the floor.

(4) Treatment of the concrete. The mixture on its own was used but the outside treated with 'Acrylic' the inside with industrial paint and black and red and black oxide to give an almost black finish. This gave a very realistic appearance.

(5) The ridge was repaired in a similar manner but treated with 'Acrylic' which gave a better finish appearance.

(6) In one area grass roots had invaded the surface of the floor but had not penetrated. The surface was rough but it was not bad enough to break away and renew. A thin solution of duli and cement was brushed on and sprinkled with red gravel. Then smoothed by hand. On drying this was too rough and had a white colour. Rubbing with a stone smoothed it but it was still too rough. Treatment with novobrick made this too red and shiny but it may fade with time.

B. Hut floor (a)

This was chosen because it has a scalloped fireplace which had been very badly damaged. This was repaired with mixture of 2 duli, 1 cement and local red fine gravel and red and black ochre all mixed before application. This had not dried before I had to leave but appeared to give a very realistic finish - the original parts of the fireplace were not covered and loose pieces built in where possible. The rest of the floor was restored using the same mixture but varying amounts of ochre. This work was done on the 2nd day when the sun was very hot and the mixture tended to crack as drying. Mr. Hyde decided to cover further application with wet sacks. N.B. post hole with charcoal.

A. Hut floor no. 4.

This was commenced before I left and much of the work was done by Mr. Hyde's Bantu, two of whom are experienced but builders and able to comment on the mixtures used, the correct colouring, the texture, post holes, shape of fire places, istupe, etc. They repaired the istupe, the fireplace and cracks in the floor.

6. Work to be done by Mr. Hyde after I left.

6,1 Expose and repair floors in prohibited area i.e. Sketch A nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. (Nos. 1 and 4 already completed).


6,2 Repair fireplace of B. (b)

6,3 Remove plant growth from as many floors as possible, and cover with black plastic sheeting and weigh down with earth and stones.

6,4 Chop down large tree in prohibited area - roots damaging floors.

6,5 Chop back undergrowth, remove rubbish (tins, etc.) and clean up the area.

7. Arrangements were made to meet Mr. Hyde on the site on 2.1.70.

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8. General recommendations made after discussing the whole problem with Mr. Hyde, Dr. Stauder and Mr. Archie Harris.
- 8,1 Mr. Hyde and his team would be an ideal unit to restore the whole site. Indeed Mr. Hyde would be an ideal field technician for the N.M.C.
- 8,2 Pipes of charcoal where the "intingwas" (whity) burnt off were found round hut A 1 and in a number of other places. These will be invaluable for accurate reconstruction. It is now considered inadvisable to build low brick walls round the hut floors to prevent wash - this will destroy the charcoal pipes. Instead it is intended to sink strips of clear roofing plastic outside the ring of pipes. This will be less conspicuous than brick or cement, will be a better protection against water and can be cut off at ground level with a saw if no longer required.
- 8,3 The Wild Life Society to be contacted re the disposal of several 1,000 alogs on the site - it may be possible to sell them.
- 8,4 The existing gate leading to the Kraal and "feassal" should be replaced by a motor gate. (Mentioned by F.W.D. Mr. Hyde will attempt to repair). Cattle are continually straying and animals shut the gate as cars approach to extract a fee.
- 8,5 Consideration should be given to an entrance gate where a fee (say 20c per car) is paid, a guide to the site (say 1/2 page) is handed out and our pamphlet offered for sale. This would involve two caretakers - one permanently at the gate and one to keep the site in order.
- 8,6 Very urgent. All our caretakers should be supplied with a uniform - suggest 2 sets of 2 piece blue with patch breast pocket with N.M.C.R.N.G. and hat and overcoat and heavy duty shoes or boots - same basis for replacement as N.P.A. caretakers.
- 8,7 Bondawel at grave and monument site be modified to contain diorama and shelf for visitors book plus Margaret Clacy's painting on wall.
- 8,8 Grass roots damage the floors. All should be exposed, treated with weed killer, treated with sealing compound and left exposed.

EXCAVATIONS AT MGUNGUNDLOVU (DINGANE STAT)
IN ZULULAND

At the request of the National Monuments Council an archaeological team from the University of Cape Town and the Natal Museum will be carrying out scientific investigations and excavations at Mgungundlovu in January and early February 1974. Anyone interested in helping with the work, for a minimum period of ten days, is welcome to join the expedition. Camping space and probably some basic accommodation will be available, and the Melmoth Inn is within commuting distance. For further information please contact Tim Maggs at the Natal Museum, Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg. Telephone: 51404 or 56389. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Hope this is ok. Don't know how much response we will get but there are 2 or 3 people already interested.

2nd Jan.
L&L Feb

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2x 47.00

Mr Edwards

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9th January, 1974

Dear John,

I hope you got the message about Dr. Stüsser's being unable to fly up last Monday. Yesterday I took him out to Hermanus with the magnetometer and had it repaired. I hoped that he would be able to fly up this weekend when you would be in Pietermaritzburg but he is not sure it will be possible. He is going to try and fix up a time with Prof. Simpson when he can get away but it's also a bit difficult because he is leaving himself on the 30th for Cambridge. I will phone you at the Higgs' house on Saturday night to tell you when he is coming. If you want to phone me at home, the number is 712513.

Prof. Marais says that what he has given Cedric for the flotation cell is the best he can do under the circumstances. Apparently it takes at least two months to get hold of the proper things.

In regard to the grants you applied for - you asked for R2,677 for "Subsistence Activities" and got R2,000; for the "Analysis of Ceramics from Iron Age.." you asked for R6,400 and got R500 and the request for R8,100 for the "Carbon-14 dating of Iron Samples" was unsuccessful.

That's all for the moment. I hope all is going well at the dig.

A.

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Mr. Alice Harris Overlook near White Mt. N.Y.
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Mr. Graham Stewart Maweni Sugar Estates Nkwelani Valley Z.

Balance of Expenditure: Mgungardlovu January 1974

Subsistence: R416 . 62 receipts included

Donation: to Dinganestat
Minion for accommodation 50 . 00 receipt included

Labour:

Equipment: includes minivance of
survey equipment 154 . 63 receipts included

Travel: 2 return rail fares
Cape Town - FMS 94 . 00

3 vehicles Cape Town - Mgungardlovu -
Cape Town ~~110~~ 5 . 00 not receipts included

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Cape Town to Mgungardlovu and back, 300 . 00
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...but growth will die back during the dry season. It may be visible on infra-red photographs. The first season has been reserved for the first possibility which offers the opportunity to provide a key or index. It is now possible to plan a flight in June, the seasonal of growth illustrates the possibility of an infra-red photograph which will show the 'bush' (the vegetation) and the 'grass' (the grass) in a way which will be useful to you.

657420

8th February, 1974.

Prof. D.A. Soogings,
Department of Land Surveying,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Professor Soogings,

Dear Professor Soogings,

I am sorry that we didn't manage to meet during my stay at Ngungundlovu in January. I did phone your home and your university numbers around the 20th of January but could get no reply. After that it became obvious that even if you came, we would probably not have the time to put down enough marker points for your flight in the time we had left. So, please don't take my failure to contact you as a lack of willingness to co-operate, it was simply lack of time. We shall return to Ngungundlovu in July and perhaps then we will be able to complete the ground preparations for a flight.

Mr. Rither managed to survey in all of the presently known hut floors (some 200 or so) and we did some photographic recording of them with a view to drawing plans from the photographs. About 20 of Mr. Rither's survey points are now fixed in concrete and can easily be marked with white-painted stones for air survey. Mr. Hyde and his team of Africans have cleared a swathe around the western horn of the site and all of the exposed huts should easily show up on air photographs. I'm afraid I haven't got reasonable drawings yet of the work we did, but I will send copies to you as they become available. If you could sketch in a plan of markers such as you would require for air survey, we could indicate which ones already exist and plan the position of others for July.

As regards the times to overfly in order to see differentiations with infra-red photography, two possibilities strike me. The first is that in a month or less, the rains will presumably stop and the heavy growth of grass etc., will begin to die back. It may be that growth

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over hut floors will die back quicker than that between and this may be visible on infra red photographs. As I have said, a lot of the tree cover has now been removed in the crucial areas. The second possibility arises from Mr. Hyde's desire to turn back the growth in May or June. I'm not sure its such a good idea, but if it were done, the renewal of growth thereafter might provide the sort of situations where hut floors might stand out as anomalies from the 'sterile' (in archaeological terms) spaces between. I offer these suggestions as a complete amateur and look forward to your comments on them.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON.

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J.E. PARKINGTON : Nedbank, Wynberg, Account No. 1042-202214.

— 657420

13th February, 1974

The Director,
Natal Museum,
Loop Street,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

Dear Dr. Pringle,

We have just returned from a most successful month in the field in Zululand. I would like to thank the Museum for all the help and hospitality offered during our stay in Natal.

In particular, Mr. Maggs was of enormous help, not only in getting the excavation team out into the field but also in generously spending time at the excavation participating in the work.

The Archaeology Department of the Museum very kindly loaned us most of the basic equipment we needed and we are most grateful for this favour.

I hope that in the future we will be able to maintain and develop this sort of co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.

— 657420

13th February, 1974.

Prof. L.P. Adams,
Department of Land Survey,
University of Cape Town,
RONDEBOSCH.

Dear Professor Adams,

We have just returned from a most successful trip to Zululand during which we investigated various aspects of the 19th century Royal Kraal of Dingane.

I would like to thank the Department of Land Survey for allowing Mr. Rither to accompany us on this trip and for the very generous loan of equipment which he brought along with him. The accurate survey of the site was one of our most important achievements and without the assistance of your department, it would not have been possible.

I hope that in the future we can maintain this co-operation and if possible develop it further.

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.

----- 657420

13th February, 1974

Mr. T.M.O'C. Maggs,
Natal Museum,
Loop Street,
PIETZEMARITZBURG.

Dear Tim,

First of all, many thanks to you and Val for all the help you gave us whilst we were in Natal. Val especially, deserves a medal for offering such generous hospitality at less than a moment's notice.

I have written to Mr. Chadwick and asked him to organise packaging and forwarding of the material I left in your office. I hope he fixes it up without imposing on you. Mr. Hyde has already sent down two trunks full of material and I hope we can begin work on the small finds quite soon. Heinz and Mike Cronin have made a start on the hrt floors from the photographs and it looks as though it will be pretty successful. I will send you copies of all the resultant plans.

I wonder if it would not be too much trouble for you to list the bits of equipment which we left with you. This would help us in our stocktaking and future work in Natal. If you find the set of small circular sieves amongst this equipment, it would be nice to have it included with the excavated material in the trunk to come back to Cape Town. They belong to the Geology Department. I seem to have brought your wide-angle lens back to Cape Town. I will consult various photographic experts as to whether it should be returned by post - if not, I will make another plan. Either way I will try and get it to you as soon as possible.

According to Admin, the final date for submission to make sure of graduating in July is 1st April (or 15th September for December graduation). You must inform the Registrar, in writing, of your intention to do so by not later than 1st March or 20th July, as the case may be.

I look forward to seeing your thesis. Once again, many thanks.
Best wishes to Val, Daniel and Chabby.

Yours,

John.

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13th February, 1974

The Secretary,
National Monuments Council,
P.O. Box 4637,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Mr. Hofmeyr,

I enclose a statement of expenditure incurred on our recent excavations at Uqungundo in Zululand on behalf of the National Monuments Council. I must add that I will be submitting a report on the work that we did there in the near future - as soon as the plans have been drawn and the small finds catalogued.

As you will see from the statement, the expense has been divided into travel, equipment, subsistence and a donation to the Dutch Reformed Church who offered us hospitality very close to the site. The costs of subsistence were for themselves and are close to the original projected expenditure. The amount spent on equipment is rather less than was anticipated, thanks mainly to our successfully borrowing items from the Natal Museum and the University of Cape Town. In particular, I should mention that the Land Surveying Department of the University of Cape Town loaned about R5000 worth of survey equipment. No funds were spent on the hire of labour, again largely because Mr. Hyde of the Natal Provincial Administration very kindly joined the excavation with a small labour force of Africans. Otherwise, all work was carried out by volunteers from the University of Cape Town and the University of Natal. More was spent on travel than had been anticipated. However, we did manage to avoid hiring any transport which would have been a crippling amount in terms of the size of the Grant. For comparison, I costed the hire of a truck large enough to convey equipment and personnel to the site and for use on the site and it came to something like R500.

I understood from Mr. Malan that the amount of R1200 was available for this month at Uqungundo. Thus far, R925 has been paid into my account. I would be grateful if the difference between what has already been paid and what was spent could be deposited in my account at the Wynberg branch of Nedbank - account number 1042-202214. I hope these accounts are satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

John Partridge.

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Enquiries: Mr. G.S. Hofmeyr

25th February 1974

Mr. J. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
Private Bag,
RONDEBOSCH, C.P.
7700

Dear Mr. Parkinton,

EXCAVATIONS AT DINGANESTAT.

Thank you for your letter of the 13th February and for the statement of expenditure it contained.

As suggested, we shall pay the outstanding amount of R240,25 into your account at the Nedbank, Wynberg. It may, however, take about another week before the money can be deposited, as we had to apply to Pretoria for this amount.

We really look forward to your report on the excavations. At a recent meeting, Mr. Chadwick gave Council a verbal report on the success of your excavations and some interesting aspects that came to light.

In the meanwhile, we would like to express the Monuments Council's sincere gratitude and appreciation for undertaking this large project and for the way in which you handled everything. We do also greatly appreciate the ways in which you saved money by co-operating with other individuals and bodies.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.

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Yours truly,

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March, 14th. 1974.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

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MR. PARKINGTON.

Yours truly,

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MR. PARKINGTON,

Yours truly,

Rev. *J. H. Kritzinger*
J. H. Kritzinger,
Superintendent, Dingaanstat Mission.

PLEASE

— 657420

8th April, 1974

Mr. G.A. Chadwick,
4, Nicolai Crescent,
Glansmore,
DUBLIN.
4001

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

Can I broach the topic of further excavations in Ngungundlovu? Until about a week ago I had been hoping to return in August or September for a three to four week period of excavation. I think that we have done sufficient survey for the moment to show where excavation is necessary and how it might be excavated. However, for a variety of reasons I have now had to bring forward my Sabbatical year, which I intend spending in the University of Cambridge, England. The upshot of this is that I will leave in about two week's time and return early in 1975 - probably about March. I would, therefore, be very keen to resume excavation in Mid 1975 and I am writing so far in advance in the hope that sufficient funds will be available to do some large-scale work.

I would like, for example, to excavate in the grain pit, around the entrance area and around the horns of the site where the outer and inner enclosures should be. During my stay in Cambridge, work will continue on the Ngungundlovu material under the direction of Mr. Hühner and one of my students. Dr. Richard Klein of the University of Chicago has kindly offered to identify the animal bones from the excavation and Prof. Adams of the Land Survey Department has made all of his equipment available to us. I think that in a few months we should have some very nice plans of the site as a whole and individual hut floors. When these are ready I will send you as complete a documentary record as we can assemble. My address, incidentally, whilst in England will be c/o Queens College, Cambridge.

One last point - does the Monuments Council have sufficient funds to pack and rail to Cape Town the material I left in Tim Maggs' office? I hope so, because this material can be worked on within the next few weeks. I look forward to your comments.

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.

18th April, 1974

Dr. J.H. Kritzinger,
Dingaanstat-Jendingstasie,
Dingaanstat.
P/s. 829. MENNETH.
3835

Dear Dr. Kritzinger,

I enclose a donation of R50 towards the cost of accommodation of our recent visit to the Mission. Once again I must thank you for your hospitality during our visit.

The problem with the previous cheque seems to be that I was changing branches at the time I signed it. I am sure there will be no further problems.

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.

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Enquiries: Mr. G.S. Hofmeyr

19 April 1974

Mr. J. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
RONDEBOSCH, C.P.
7700

Dear Mr. Parkington,

1) EXCAVATIONS AT ELANDS BAY, ETC. 2) EXCAVATIONS AT DINGANE'S KRAAL.

Thank you for your letter of the 8th April.

I look forward to receive the relevant reports at your convenience. I shall certainly keep you informed of the Council's decisions about the rescue excavations at Elands Bay.

With regard to Dingane's Kraal, we also hope to receive your report in due course. I have informed Mr. Chadwick that you are leaving for overseas. I am enclosing a copy of a progress report from Mr. Chadwick he has asked me to forward to you.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you every success with the completion of your thesis in England.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.

GSH/rh

Enclosure:

DINGANE'S KRAAL: REPORT ON PROGRESS

1. A University of Cape Town team under the leadership of Mr. J. Parkington worked on the site for almost the whole of January 1974. He will submit a detailed technical report but in the main the following work was done.
 - 1.1 Survey points were established and the position of the known hut floors shown on the survey plan. For the first time it is possible to relate individual floors to a map of the area.
 - 1.2 All the uncovered hut floors were numbered and the numbers shown on the map. Approx. 140, hut floors have now been pinpointed.
 - 1.3 A number of hut floors in the Isigodlo and the military area of the left farm were excavated. Cultural material was collected, labelled and stored for detailed study.
 - 1.4 A small experimental ditch was dug into one of the rubbish heaps.
 - 1.5 A grain pit was excavated.
 - 1.6 A small rubbish dump, apparently within the Kraal area was partially excavated mainly by a group from the University of Natal.
2. Messrs. J.H. Stander and G.M. Chadwick spent Saturday 2 February 1974 at the site discussing the work already done and planning future developments.
3. Report and recommendations by Messrs. Parkington, Stander and Chadwick. After detailed inspections and discussion the following was drafted for presentation to the Council.
 - 3.1 Temporary preservation measures
 - 3.1.1 Military area, left horn: area where hut floors are exposed to be fenced (gate and padlock); Mr. Parkington to indicate area on plan; the matter of drainage to be investigated and drains dug if necessary or strips of clear plastic roofing buried round huts to prevent wash; exposed floors to be treated with bedacryl; Mr. Parkington to draft wording for explanatory labels.
 - 3.1.2 Grain pits: fence in area as indicated by Mr. Parkington; enlarge present drains; Mr. Parkington to draft wording for labels.
 - 3.1.3 Rubbish /2

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- 3.1.3 Rubbish heaps: fence off excavated area (no gate); Mr. Parkington to supply wording for labels.
- 3.1.4 Isigodlo: fence remaining 3 sides; treat exposed floors with bedacryl; Mr. Parkington to draft wording for labels.
- 3.2 Schedule of future work:
 - 3.2.1 Technical assistant to treat exposed areas with weedkiller, treat exposed floors with bedacryl, fix survey points in concrete.
 - 3.2.2 Clearing of bush and scrub; the whole of the Kraal area i.e. cattle kraal and hut sites to be cleared of small trees and scrub (large trees left for shade and alocs for transplanting) N.B. In Zulu times this area was bare and clearing will allow work to proceed and give indication of the sign of the Kraal. The Durbanse Onderwyserskollege staff and students have volunteered to do this and to design a diorama 15 - 19 April 1974.
 - 3.2.3 Area for amateur excavations of hut floors. There is no objection to this being done, under supervision of an approved person in the area between the Isigodlo and the preserved (i.e. fenced) military area of the left horn. N.B. Hut building in the military area was repetitive and little cultural material is found.
 - 3.2.4 Clearing of alocs: If anybody e.g. Wild Life Society undertakes this only those alocs outside the hutted area to be moved under supervision.
 - 3.2.5 Further work by University of Cape Town: this might be arranged for July when the D.O.K. have removed much of the scrub and when the long grass might be burnt to provide carrier access and visibility.
 - 3.2.6 Caretakers: 2 Bantus are essential to ensure that the site does not return to its original state between work sessions.
 - 3.2.7 A diorama should be ~~erected~~ as soon as possible.
 - 3.2.8 Interpretative material: Mr. Parkington will supply labels for public guidance and a short account of the work done plus photographs of artifacts and excavations. The latter to be placed in a book with plastic pockets and made available to visitors.

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3.3 Long term proposals.

- 3.3.1 Aloes to be planted round part of outside perimeter to simulate the stockade.
- 3.3.2 Smaller aloes to be planted much more sparsely round the inside perimeters and some of the Kraal perimeters to demark these.
- 3.3.3 Part of the outer stockade, inner stockade and Kraal fences to be rebuilt (where 1 and 2 not done).
- 3.3.4 Rebuilding of huts: a few selected over Isigodlo, Bheje area, military area and near main entrance; this will give an impression of the size as well as way of life in Kraal; use the worst floors as these will have to be partially reconstructed to allow of the hut to be built.
- 3.3.5 Other floors protected by proper drainage arrangements (buried clear plastic roofing strips) use of weed-killer and binding with bedacryl.
- 3.3.6 Public use: part of the area should be opened for visitors but access to the rest prevented in the interest of preservation (viewing only).
- 3.3.7 Interpretative use: the actual occupation of part of the site (say Bheje Kraal) by a Zulu family practicing tradition agriculture and with a herd of Zulu cattle should be the eventual aim.

4. Please send a copy of this to Mr. Parkington.

G.A. CHADWICK
for NATAL REGIONAL COMMITTEE

25 March 1974



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Department of Land Surveying

15th May 1974

Mr. J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
Private Bag,
Rondebosch, Cape.

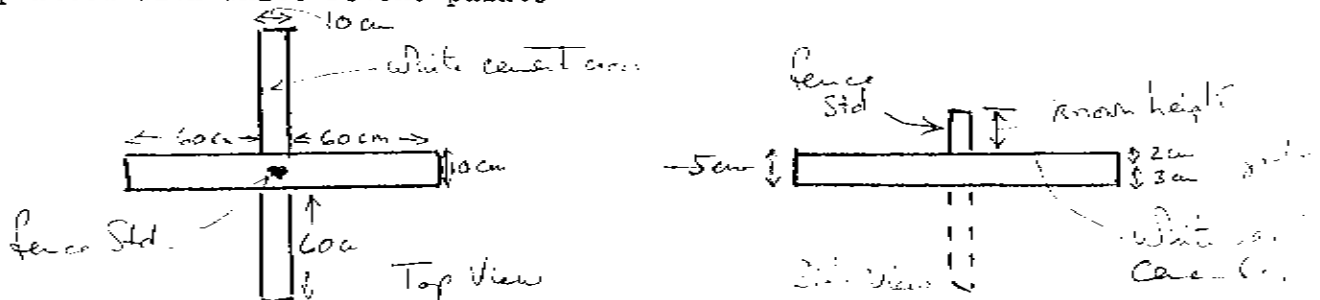
Dear John,

I was sorry that time did not allow me to visit you at Mgunundlovo in January. I was pleased to learn from your letter of 8.2.74 that Mr. Ruther had had a successful survey trip.

I enclose a suggested layout of ground control for you to work on in July.

It may be worth a try photographing during May with infrared before any burning is done. I will check up with Mr. Chadwick concerning the burning programme.

On the enclosed prints 3855 and 3856 I have indicated with red triangles the position of six ground control points. I would suggest these be placed just inside the fence for protection purposes. Each point should be marked with a 3 ft. length of fence standard protruding some 9" above the ground. This will provide the centre mark for ground survey purposes. The top of each standard should be fixed in x y and z from which the ground level value of the premark can be determined. Each point should be premarked with a cement cross not smaller than shown and painted with white P.V.A. paint.



If you, other survey points or points of archaeological interest can be temporarily marked with white stones or one large white stone about 30 cm to 40 cm in diameter or white stones in the form of a cross with 30 cm. arms.

Yours sincerely,

David (Scogin)

21st May, 1974

Prof. D. Seogings,
Department of Land Surveying,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Professor Seogings,

Your letter and enclosures in regard to Ngungundlovo addressed to John Parkington arrived today.

As he unexpectedly took his sabbatical rather earlier than intended, he is now in Cambridge. I will, however, send the information on to him.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Dr Anthony Barker,
Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital
Ngulu. NQUT

Ottie Munnalo,
Kerazulu Education Dept.

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Enquiries : Mr. B.W. Bassett

5th August 1974

Mr. J. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
RONDEBOSCH.
7700

Dear Mr. Parkington,

DINGANESKRAAL, BABANANGO : EXCAVATIONS AT.

I refer to the above matter which was discussed at a recent meeting of the National Monuments Council.

Mr. Chadwick reported fully at this meeting on the extensive progress made at the site and on behalf of my Council, I should like to express to you our sincerest appreciation for the great part that you have played in this regard.

My Council is, however, most concerned about the future of the excavations, as you will be away in Britain for more than a year and no arrangements for continuing the work have been made.

If the sites are simply left as they are, it is possible that the scrub will once again take over and the area would have to be cleared before further work could be attempted. Also open archaeological sites are an invitation to souvenir hunters and tourists and I am sure you are well aware of the damage these people are capable of causing.

My Council is thus anxious that the work should continue so that it can be concluded at the earliest possible moment. It was then decided that the Natal Museum be approached in regard to the continuation and conclusion of the work which you so ably commenced.

I should therefore be pleased if you could let me know whether you have any objections to the above course of action. We also look forward to your report on Dinganeskraal.

With best wishes for a pleasant and profitable stay in Britain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.

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4th September 1974

Mr. J.E. Parkington,
75 Walton Street,
OXFORD. U.K.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

EXCAVATIONS AT DINGANESKRAAL, BABANANGO.

Thank you for your letter of 14th August 1974 concerning the above excavations.

I appreciate that you would like to continue excavating at Dinganeskraal, especially in the light of the fact that your stay in England has produced a number of useful leads with regard to the analysis of the wealth of material collected from the site.

My Council is however most concerned about the deterioration of the area in your absence and, while they may be sympathetic to your request to continue working the site, this consideration must necessarily be balanced against the need to prevent its deterioration. I am sure you realise that my Council cannot ignore this aspect of the matter without particularly ignoring its responsibility to South African archaeology.

Your letter will, however, be submitted to my Council as a formal proposal to recommence excavations on the site and I will inform you of their decision in due course.

With best wishes for the rest of your stay in England.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.

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c.c. Mr. G.A. Chadwick.

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24 October 1974

Mr John Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
University of Cape Town,
CAPE TOWN
8001

Dear Mr Parkington,

Mgungundlovu

In the Bulletin of the African Studies Research Committee for Southern Africa, I was interested to read that you are conducting an archaeological study of the site of Dingane's umzi at Mgungdlovu.

Naturally your work will be concerned chiefly with recovering traces of the African social groups who inhabited the area. If, however, it should reveal anything relating to the white missionary party led by Francis Owen, some of whom were present at the time of the death of Retief, I should be extremely interested to know of it, and whether references to this would be included in your published reports of the project.

My reason for making this enquiry is that I am gathering information for a biography of my grandfather, Donald Strachan, a pioneer in East Griqualand, whose wife was one of the younger children of Richard Hulley, Owen's interpreter. Owen and Hulley were allowed by Dingane to remove their families hastily to Port Natal, but to take one waggon only, so it is possible that they abandoned part of their household goods, meagre though their possessions would have been. I understand that the site of Owen's dwelling is known to have been near the modern Dutch Reformed mission station, but perhaps this is quite outside the area of your investigations ?

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Rainier
(Mrs R. Rainier)

1st November, 1974

Mrs. R. Rainier,
10 Lower Ridge Road,
Bonnie Doon,
EAST LONDON
5201

Dear Mrs. Rainier,

Your letter in regard to excavations at Ngungundlovu and possible information concerning Francis Owen's missionary party has been sent on to Mr. Parkington. He is at present on sabbatical leave in Cambridge but hopes to continue work in Zululand next year.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary

NATALSE MUSEUM,
LOOPSTRAAT,
PIETERMARITZBURG,
SUID-AFRIKA.



NATAL MUSEUM,
LOOP STREET,
PIETERMARITZBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA.

TELEFOON/TELEPHONE 41604

Dear John,

Have just got your letter and had a quick look around before Ced + Joan leave. The pickings are pretty lean as the museum has only really catered for camping gear for two people and this will be required by one of our zoologists who is going to South West from the second half of January. In the way of camping gear there will virtually only be:-

- 1 Stretcher (no bedding)
- 1 tent which could take about 4 people or could be used a site
- 2 plastic jerrycans
- 1 7lb gas cylinder (crockery + cutlery will be in use)

Small scavenging equipment - trowels, paint + carpet brushes, shears, pans, coal shovels etc. about enough for 6-8 people also skewers, line, levels, about 30 pegs and a few other odds.

At home we have some camping gear and could lend you 1 or 2 stretchers, 1 sleeping bag, 1 or 2 7lb gas cylinders, small gas fry, some pots + pans esp. large saucepans - but nothing much in the way of cutlery or crockery. So I am afraid that that is about it for here. I have gone over the heavier gear with Ced + Joan so they know what we have in that direction. If you want to send stuff up by train - "natural history specimens" off course - that will be fine.

Vehicle-wise we unfortunately can't do any more than I have already mentioned - the second museum vehicle will be away collecting flies the whole of Jan and Feb so we will only be able to use the truck for a few days at a time. I will contact



Chadwick about your suggestion but don't see us getting anything out of NPA except when Lew Hyde is on the spot. Have you tried all mental possibilities? If petrol rationing isn't going to come in before it fixed the transport problem should it be too bad.

The Prof of soil science is away until Friday but I will contact him thereafter.

Best regards

Tu

P.S. How about a Pontefool like the Deacons?

remote sensing

infra red, temperature variation

multi-spectral survey

Telephone
84268

10, Lower Ridge Road,
Bonnie Doon,
East London.
5201

12 January 1975

Dear Mr Parkington,

Thank you for your letter in reply to my enquiry as to whether the excavations at Mgungundlovu were likely to reveal anything in connection with the dwellings of the missionary party under Francis Owen. I should of course be delighted if you were to turn ^{up} anything attributable to them, unlikely as this seems, and am most grateful to you for your interest.

I should very much have liked to take part in the U.C.T. Summer School visit to the locality, but family holiday plans made this impracticable. As I hear that the modern Dutch Reformed mission near by takes a practical interest in the associations of the place, I hope to be able to visit it on another occasion; ~~as~~ it adds enormously to one's interpretation of historical events to be able to picture them in their setting, even when changes have taken place through the years.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Rennie

V/13, 2/1/B-c/1

Enquiries: Mr. S.S. Hofmeyr

11th April 1975

Mr. G.A. Chadwick,
"Balbroch",
4 Nicosia Crescent,
Glenmore,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

APPOINTMENT WITH MR. JOHN PARKINGTON : DURBANESTAT.

With further reference to a recent telephone conversation with you in connection with the proposed discussions between you and Mr. Parkington, I wish to confirm your appointment for 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 30th April 1975. I have arranged with Mr. Parkington that the discussions take place at the Council's offices.

Mr. Parkington indicated to me that he would like to do further excavations in July and that the University will partly sponsor the project.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.

SECRETARY.

GSH/rh

*Dear Mr. Parkington,
Copy for your information please
George Hofmeyr*

① Page printing 300-400 words
with diagram + links

② A few notices - wording only. middle/graphics.

③ numbers of link flows.

21st May, 1975

Ds. Kritzinger,
Dingaanstat,
P/s IFFIKOTH.
3835

Dear Ds. Kritzinger,

Following my telephone conversation with Mrs. Kritzinger on May 21, may I make a formal request to the Board of the Mission Station at Dingaanstat for permission to use the rondawel facilities during our period of excavation at the Kraal.

With the support of the National Monuments Council and the Natal Museum in Pietermaritzburg, we are intending to excavate from Monday, June 23rd for three weeks and will be most grateful if we could rent the accommodation we had in January 1974. The party will consist of my own family (myself, wife, 2 daughters and a baby) plus one of my postgraduate students and a Coloured laboratory assistant. I realise that the composition of the party presents some problems but as I remember you suggested a hut presently used for needlework classes as accommodation for non-white personnel. We would, therefore, be very happy to be able to use two rondawels and the already-mentioned needlework hut for three weeks from June 23rd. We will obviously make a suitable donation to the Mission funds and we are sure that you are as keen as we are to see the Kraal site developed as a Monument for your visitors.

I am sure you understand that alternative accommodation within working distance of the site will be difficult to come by. However, as an alternative, would you be prepared to allow us access to the bathroom and drinking water facilities close to the rondawels? I am sorry that this is such short notice but we have only recently returned from England and resumed contact with the Monuments Council and Mr. Chadwick, the Natal representative of the Council.

I would appreciate an early reply to my request and apologise for any inconvenience caused. I hope to see you in a month's time.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Parkington.

DINGAANSTAT,
P/B 829,
MELMOTH. 3835.
June, 3rd. 1975.

Mr. J. E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
P/B RONDEBOSCH.

Dear Mr. Parkington,

We received your letter of the 21st May 1975 with the request for boarding facilities at Dingaanstad during the period you intend doing excavations at the Kraal.

I am sorry to let you know that my committee at a meeting held on the 2nd of June does not see their way clear to allow you the use of some of our rondawals and the other facilities as we have no facilities for coloureds.

I am,

yours truly,

Rev. *J.H. Kritzinger*

J.H. Kritzinger.

Supt. Dingaanstad Mission.

SKETCH PLAN A - PROHIBITED AREA

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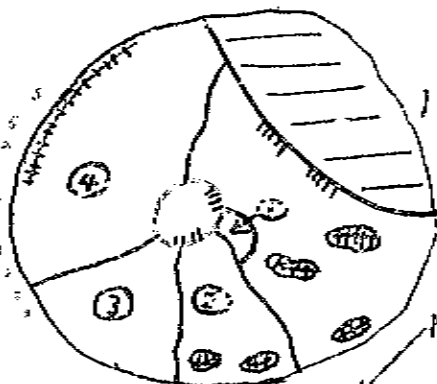
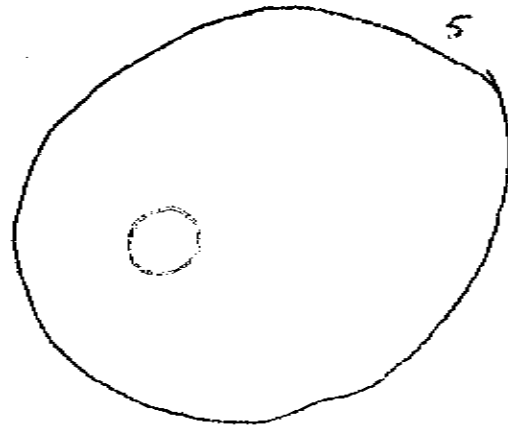
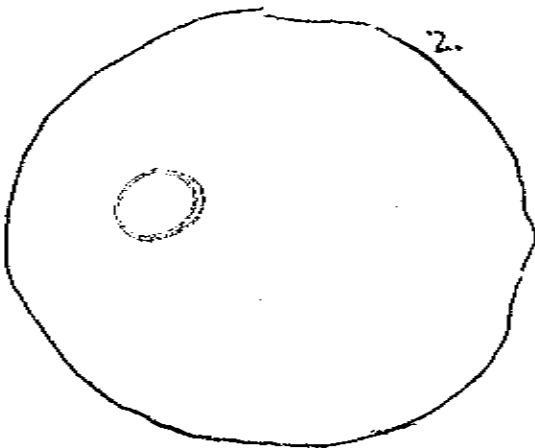
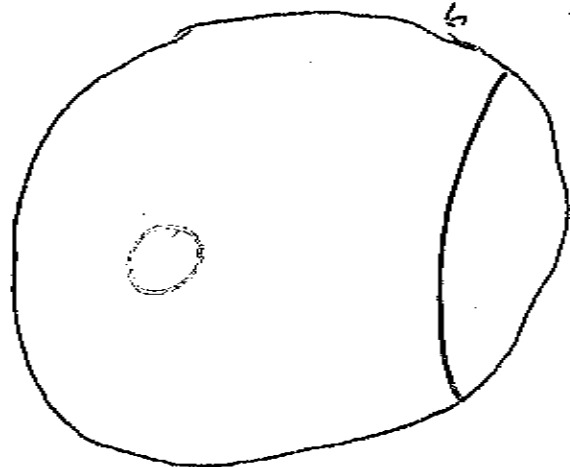
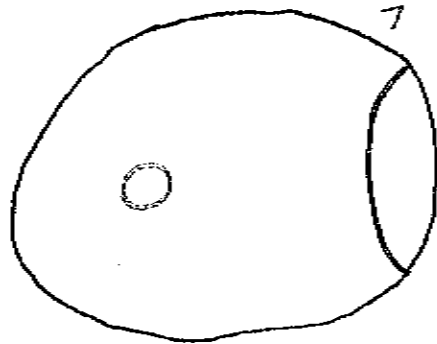
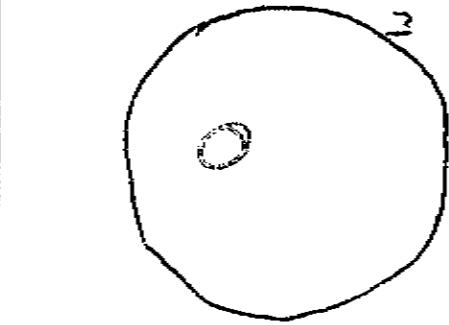
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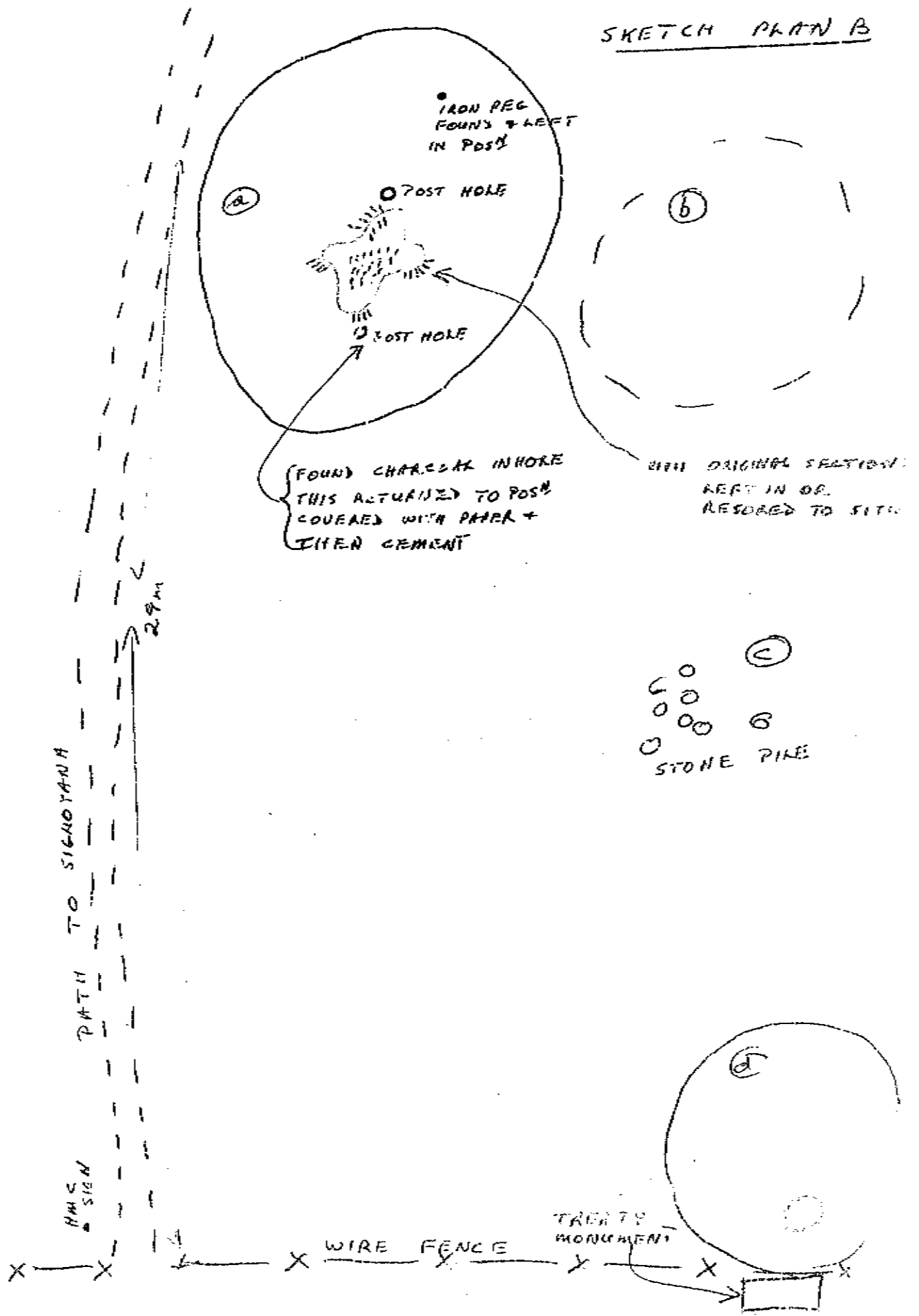


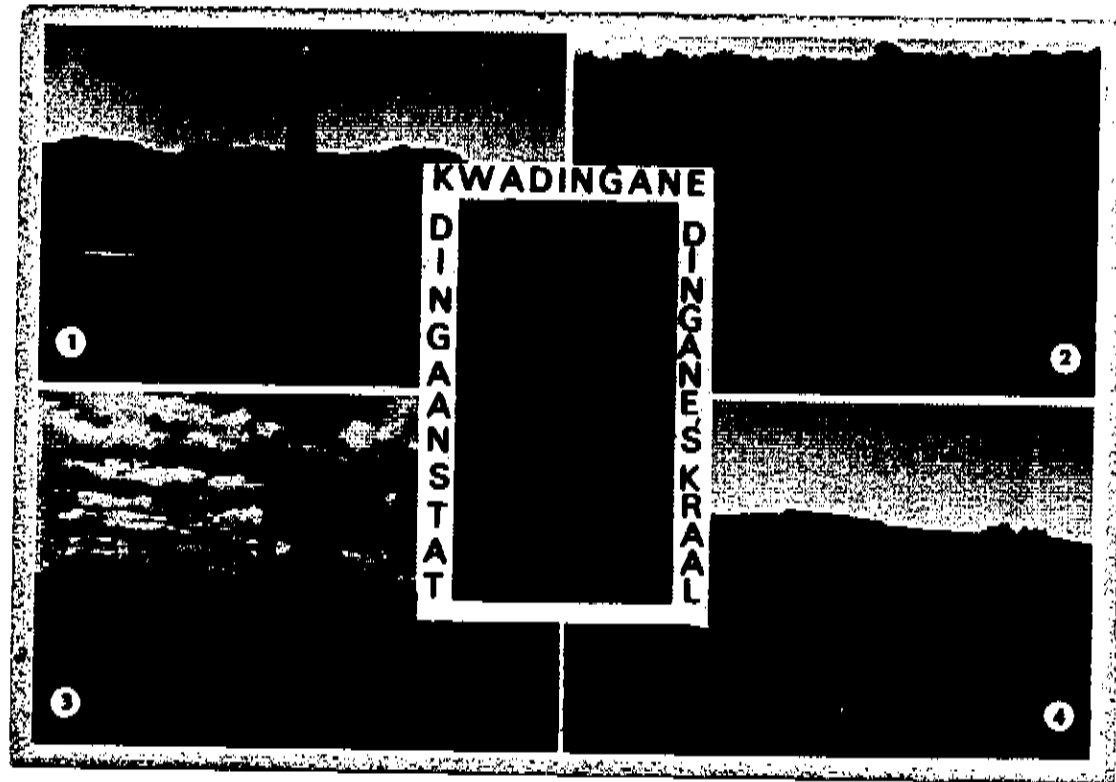
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④ notes & photos
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⑤ map of area.

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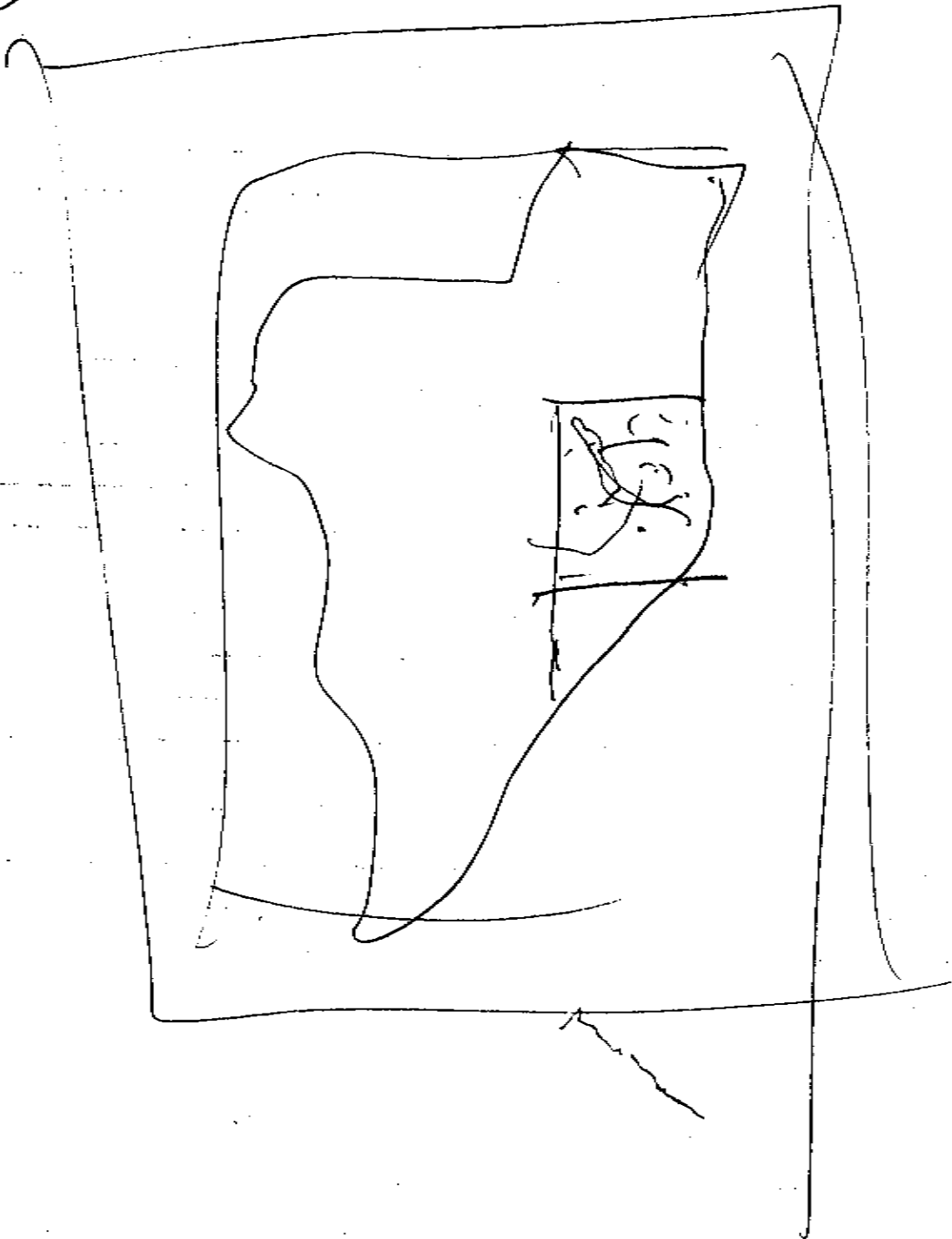
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Director
Geological Survey
~~Pretoria~~

attn, Mr. A. du Plessis
Dept. Geol.
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DEPARTMENT OF LAND SURVEYING

30th September 1975

Mr. J.E. Parkington,
Department of Archaeology,
School of African Studies,
University of Cape Town,
Private Bag,
Rondebosch,
7700.

Dear John,

An aerial photographic survey of Dingaans Kraal was done on 5. 8. 1975. I let Tim Maggs know so that floors could be covered up if it was so desired. I had hoped to fit the trip in with some other work, but the way things were going (and still going) with the latter, I realised I may never get there!! I made a special trip at my expense and am glad now that I did.

Your crosses have shown up very well. Unfortunately I could not have been very articulate in my request for premarking as there appear to be no marks at either the main gate or near the shed (festival hall?). This is not serious because of the presence of well defined detail. The points that were marked are the important ones.

As part of the exercise, varying large scale photography was tried, particularly over the excavated area. If our flying height was correct the largest scale for this area would be 1:1000. Once a trip can be organised to survey the ground control, mapping can be commenced. In the mean time we have tried mapping some of the floors to approximate scales of 1:100 and 1:50 but not being sure of the "exact" photo scale I would not like to commit myself. In an effort to produce something I wondered if you have the ground dimensions of some of the floors or any other features. Enclosed are two enlargements (approx. 1:400), on one of which I would be grateful if you could indicate where you have measurements and list what the associated dimensions are. The more widely the measurements are spread over the area the better. The other enlargement you may like for your own records.

Amongst other things, your excavations show up well even to the little holes dug when looking for the stockade posts. So far, I am well pleased with results and am glad I made the flight.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

17th October, 1973

Mr. G.A. Chadwick,
4, Nicolai Crescent,
Glenmore,
DURBAN.
4001

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

Many thanks for your kindness during our recent visit; it was very constructive to meet you and discuss potential strategies for excavation. Whilst in Pretoria, I was able to pick up a number of ideas which we may be able to implement in January at Mgungundlovu. Ivan Cooke of Rhodesia has some experience of preserving hut floors and he has promised to send details of their results to me before long. Also, Professor Soogings has indicated that he will be willing to come along to the site to put down some survey points prior to re-photographing the site by air. This will enable us to start to plot in all of the features we locate on an accurate grid plan. He can also help in surveying in particular features. I am in contact with other personnel both in Cape Town and Johannesburg on the exciting possibilities of resistivity survey, magnetometry and flotation techniques. These techniques have not been used yet in any systematic way on South African Iron Age sites, though they have achieved great success elsewhere. I think it is exciting and potentially very profitable to try and get these techniques applied at Mgungundlovu and to promote visits to the site by competent scholars. Perhaps we can discuss these and other techniques when you visit Cape Town at the end of the month.

As regards expenditure, I have listed my expected costs on a separate sheet. This is a maximum figure and the costs of labour, visiting scientists, minor equipment and transport may well be less, depending on what we can borrow from various institutions or just plain dispense with. On the assumption that the National Monuments Council approve of my involvement in the project, perhaps we can discuss exactly how these monies can be spent when you come to Cape Town.

I would be most grateful if you could arrange for Mr. Hind to help in the excavations during January, as it seems he is a most suitable person to involve in such work. It would be nice if he could bring along whatever equipment and labour he can command, so that we can suggest a more rigorous and perhaps systematic excavation policy.

One aspect which I think is important is the question of contact with the KwaZulu Authorities. I have written to Chief Gataha Buthelesi to tell him of my involvement in the excavation and to seek the approval, sanction and perhaps help of the KwaZulu Government. I realise that the site is not in KwaZulu but I feel that the friendly co-operation of the KwaZulu authorities is essential if the project is to succeed. Have you approached KwaZulu yourself up to this point? If so, what has been their response? I have had no reply as yet from them.

Well, I hope the breakdown of costs is of use and I look forward to explaining my ideas at greater length when we meet again at the end of October.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. PARKINGTON

22nd October, 1975

Professor D. Scogings,
Department of Land Surveying,
University of Natal,
King George V Avenue,
DURBAN

Dear Professor Scogings,

Many thanks for your letter of the 30th September and the two enlargements you sent. I am returning one enlargement with the co-ordinates of three points marked on it. These points are the centre-points of hearths in huts Nos. 23, 50 and 11 - all marked with a pinprick and circled on the rear of the photograph. The co-ordinates are as follows:

	<u>Height</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>X</u>
Hut 11	847,77	947,83	1016,76
Hut 23	847,45	1071,74	974,30
Hut 50	852,44	1007,03	1033,37

In addition, point "A" which is right near to a corner fencepost near to the path leading to the hilltop furthest away from our camp area is:

850,00	1000,0	1000,0
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This point, as you can see, was taken as the centre-point for our co-ordinate system. I have ringed this cornerpost on the photograph as well. I hope these measurements will be of some use in establishing the scale of the enlargement.

I am very grateful for your trip over the site and I look forward to our joint efforts in preparing maps of the various features. As a matter of fact, your requests for premarking were very clear and we had put down all six crosses. The two which you have not located are marked by pinpricks in an aerial photograph which I also include. Perhaps the reason for your not locating them is that they are the furthest away from your suggested locations. I am sorry to cause confusion. I hope you can now find them on your photographs. They were certainly as clear from the ground as the ones you did find, although perhaps more accessible to the local population (both human and animal) and thus perhaps more exposed to potential damage.

The excavations certainly show up very clearly and once the scale is known the photographs will obviously provide the raw material for some really accurate mapping. I imagine that it will be very difficult to survey in the crosses as they are fairly distant from where we

worked and separated by considerable bush cover. However, perhaps we can tackle this one at a later date.

As a result of our work at Mgungundlovu and also the sorts of development we have planned in our department, we hope to organize a fieldschool for our senior students at the site this coming July. Our ability to do this depends on our acquiring some financial support from the university but should this be forthcoming, we plan to spend three weeks at the site in our July vacation with a party of fifteen 3rd year students and we hope Mr. Rither of the Land Survey Department at U.C.T. This would be a good time for us to liaise further and Mr. Rither could perhaps survey in some of the daga crosses. I would be very grateful to have whatever photographic cover you could spare and our department will be happy to pay for developing and printing costs.

Dear Sir,

One further favour, I remember that you once gave me a xerox copy of a plan of hut floors at the site made by a government official in the 1920's or 30's. I am afraid somewhere along the line I have lost this copy and would be grateful if you could send another. Again, I will happily pay the costs of reproducing, etc.

Our own drawings and plans of the site are now just about finished and I am busy writing a preliminary report for the Monuments Council. We will send a copy of whatever appears to you and remain grateful for your continued support and interest. If there is any further information on measurements, then please ask and I will certainly send them along. With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

John Parkington.

27th October, 1975

Mr. Martin Hall,
Natal Museum,
Loop Street,
PIETERMARITZBURG

Dear Martin,

Sorry that I have taken so long to reply to your letters. I received the keys and the boxes are now safely in the S.A. Museum from where I must still collect them.

As far as reports and plans on Ngungundlovu go, we are now at a fairly advanced stage of writing-up. I enclose an Ozalid print of Mike Cronin's plan of the site. We will be including a smaller version of this in our report, along with figures, other plans and a rather limited text. We will certainly send your Museum a copy and soon after will despatch all of the material from the site. I am sending immediately, by separate parcel, some of the smaller finds which I think it will be easier for you to have identified. These are belt-buckles and military insignia which your local museums should easily identify. They came from our excavations in one of the grain pits.

We have proposed to the University that we include a short field-season at Ngungundlovu in the syllabus of our final-year students. If we get some money, this means that we will bring about 15 fairly well-qualified students up to the site for three weeks in late June and early July. If you would like to continue your work there and if you could use some of this student labour, we would be very happy to collaborate with you. From our point of view, we would like the students to participate in as many of the survey and excavation aspects of the site as possible, e.g. midden excavation, hut clearance, exploratory trenching for features and tachymetry. I intend to apply to the Monuments Council for some money and hope that between us, we can organize a useful and productive session there. I look forward to your comments.

One final apology. When we left Pietermaritzburg last time, we intended to call on Pam and say cheerio. However, in the heat of the moment, we forgot, and only remembered when we were at the airport in Durban. Please say "sorry we did not call" to Pam, and we hope to see you on Christmas Day or thereabouts. Best regards to Tim, Val, Brian S. and the Zulu nation.

John.