February 16, 1955

Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
United States Army
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

On behalf of the Smithsonian Institution, I am appealing to you for assistance in obtaining suitable vehicles for use by an expedition being sent to the Kalahari Desert in eastern Southwest Africa and Bechuanaland.

This expedition is under the joint sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution and the Peabody Museum of Harvard University and will sail from New York on March 15, 1955. Its researches will continue previous work in the fields of anthropology, botany, linguistics, and zoology. These researches have developed considerable data in these fields of study which are available to the Department of Defense, and it is felt the additional data will enhance the value of this material and that it is in the National interest if the Department of Defense facilitates the work of the expedition.

The principal unfavorable feature of this country is that there is no surface water. The rains occur in January, February, and March, and during the rest of the year there is no precipitation. The most critical problem is the transportation of water as well as food since these must be transported often as far as a hundred miles. The terrain is generally flat with heavy sand interspersed with areas of thick bush and scrub trees. There are, of course, no roads or trails through this section, and experience of previous explorations in this area has shown that multi-axle vehicles are the only type capable of dependable service. For this purpose the following have been recommended:

1 new 2 1/2 6 x6 Cargo Truck, with standard gear shift, as made by General Motors with "Banjo" type rear end and single rear wheels or convertible thereeto; equipped with a power-driven winch and fitted with stake body.

1 new 1 1/2 ton 4 x 4 Power Wagon with standard gear shift with stake body and equipped with a winch; single rear wheels or convertible thereeto.
Accordingly, I would deeply appreciate it if one of each of the above vehicles could be made available on a loan basis for this expedition. It is believed that on the completion of the approximately eight month work in this rugged country that the vehicles will be depreciated to the point where return to this country would not be economical. It will be further necessary for the Smithsonian Institution to make monor modifications such as adding a screen to protect the radiator from becoming clogged with grass seeds and insects, and bolting water and gasoline tanks to the body.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary
February 18, 1955

Commanding Officer  
Haritan Arsenal  
Metuchen, New Jersey  

Dear Sir:

This will identify Mr. L. L. Marshall, Director of the Peabody-Harvard-Smithsonian Expedition.

In accordance with a conversation today with Mr. Vernon E. Shomo, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Department of the Army, Mr. Marshall is representing the Smithsonian Institution concerning the two vehicles that are to be issued on a loan basis to the Institution by the Department of the Army.

Mr. Shomo has indicated that the modifications to these vehicles, which Mr. Marshall will outline to you, probably can be performed by your installation without undue cost to the Government. I understand that the Smithsonian Institution will be invoiced for the cost of these modifications. Any assistance you may be able to render will be greatly appreciated as these alterations are highly desirable.

If Mr. Marshall is not able to be present personally at your installation, this letter will be presented by one of his staff whom he will authorize as his official representative in the matter of these two vehicles.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Carmichael  
Secretary
Doctor Leonard Carmichael
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Doctor Carmichael:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16, 1955, concerning the loan of two Army vehicles for use by an expedition being sent by the Smithsonian Institution to the Kalahari Desert in eastern Southwest Africa and Bechuanaland.

As agreed at a conference between representatives of Smithsonian Institution and the Department of the Army on February 19, 1955, two each Truck, cargo, 2½ ton, 6×6, with winch, GMC, open cab, banjo type axle, will be made available to the Smithsonian Institution by the Department of the Army on a loan basis for a period of one year under the following conditions:

a. Vehicles will be turned over to an authorized representative of the Smithsonian Institution at Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, New Jersey.

b. Cost of shipment from Raritan Arsenal to location designated by the Smithsonian Institution and return to designated Department of the Army installation will be borne by the Institution.

c. Upon completion of the loan period the vehicles will be promptly returned to the Department of the Army, unless the Department of the Army directs otherwise.

d. If at the time the vehicles are to be returned to the Department of the Army the vehicles are in other than the condition in which they were furnished, reasonable wear and tear excepted, or if the vehicles cannot be returned, the Institution will reimburse the Department of the Army accordingly.

Attention is invited to the fact that the vehicles proffered are World War II type and are not new vehicles; however, they have recently been rebuilt to meet U. S. Army standards and should give satisfactory service.

Sincerely

[Signature]
March 1, 1955

Mr. L. K. Marshall
4 Bryant Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Laurence:

I thought it would be well for you to have a copy of the enclosed letter of February 23, 1955, which we received recently from the Department of the Army, concerning the two trucks which have been made available. I believe it especially important that you have this reminder of the terms under which the trucks were lent for the expedition to Africa.

My very best wishes for an interesting and profitable trip.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary

Enclosure
M. Peabody-Harvard-Smithsonian-Kalahari Expedition,


To T. D. Downing Co., Dr.
Foreign Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers
88 Broad Street
Boston 10, Mass.

Ref. No. X 56787

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24 Packages marked

Cleared on S. S. African Sun
Sailing from New York on

--- Payable on Presentation in Boston Funds ---

Duplicate
March 31, 1955

Our Ref. X-56787

Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition,
Peabody Museum,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Att: Dr. J.O. Brew

In accordance with recent instructions of Mr. L.K. Marshall we
attended to all the details and formalities in connection with
the forwarding of a quantity of merchandise to be used for
expedition purposes in South Africa.

This shipment went forward from New York per SS "African Sun"
All documents necessary for Customs clearance and delivery in
Walvis Bay, South Africa, have been sent to Messrs. Harries &
Co., in accordance with Mr. Marshall's instructions, and as per
the enclosed copy of letter.

For your files we enclose copies of bill of lading, packing
specifications and South African invoices.

We might advise that considerable difficulty was experienced
in obtaining export licenses which are necessary for the trucks
and truck equipment, and it was necessary that we be in close
contact with the Department of Commerce at Washington in order
to obtain these licenses in time for the shipment to move on
schedule.

Our bill for expenses and services is enclosed, and we would
appreciate your prompt remittance as a considerable portion of this
bill represents the ocean freight which we have already had to pay
to the steamship company.

Yours faithfully,

T.D. Downing Company

[Signature]

Manager
March 30, 1955

Our Ref. X-56787

VIA AIR MAIL

Messrs. Harries & Co.,
Walvis Bay,
South Africa

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition, Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass., we have effected shipment of Expedition Equipment per SS "African Sun" which sailed from New York a few days ago.

Mr. L.K. Marshall, who is in charge of this expedition has no doubt been in touch with you in regard to arrival, Customs clearance and delivery.

Enclosed herewith are:

Signed ocean bills of lading
South African Invoices for Customs purposes
Packing Specifications

We hope this shipment will arrive in good order.

Charges have been prepaid to arrival at Walvis Bay; any further charges will be for account of cargo.

Yours faithfully,
T.D. DOWNING COMPANY

Manager

WNG. EL
CC-Air Mail
CC-Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition
PACKING LIST

#1 - 1 wooden box:
MEAT:  Roast Beef Canned - 12/12 oz. (5 cases)
       Hamburger " 24/11 " (2 cases)
       Ham " 12/24 " (1 case)
       Beef, Brisket " 12/2 lb. (1 case)
       Steak, Sandwich 24/13 oz. (1 case)
BUTTER:  Canned 24/8 oz. (3 cases)
ONION FLAKES, Canned 6/1½ lb. (2 cases)

Net Weight - 392 lbs.  Gross - 457 lbs.  Cu.15.10

#2 - 1 wooden box:
   8 (6 gal) Water Cans
   6 (6 gal) Gas Cans

Net Weight - 100 lbs.  Gross - 150 lbs.  Cu.20.9

#3 - 1 wooden box:
LARGE CARRYING CASES:
   # 1 - (Grey) Books & Files
   # 2 - Brown 5 Pillows, Knapsacks, 1 bed-roll
   # 3 - Brown 2 Sleeping Bags, 2 Duffle Bags
   # 4 - Grey 3 Sleeping Bags, 1 Duffle Bag
   # 5 - Grey 3 Mountain Tents and 6 Mosquito Netting
   # 6 - Brown Towels and Face Cloths
   # 7 - (Grey) Miscellaneous Personal Effects
   # 8 - (Grey) Medical Supplies

Net Weight - 357 lbs.  Gross - 457 lbs.  Cu.30.9

#4 - 1 wooden box:
SMALL CARRYING CASES:
   # 1 - Personal Effects (Dr. Donnellan)
   # 2 - "  "
   # 3 - Medical Kit - Instruments
   # 4 - Personal Effects (Dan Blitz) Electric Razor
   # 5 - Personal Effects (Mrs. Marshall)
   # 6 - Personal Effects (Mr. Marshall)
   # 7 - Personal Effects (Dan Blitz)
   # 8 - Personal Effects (Elizabeth Marshall)
   # 9 - Personal Effects - Boots
   #10 - Personal Effects (Mr. Marshall)
   #11 - Personal Effects (Mr. Marshall)
   #12 - Personal Effects (Mrs. Marshall)
   #13 - Personal Effects (Elizabeth Marshall)
   #14 - Miscellaneous Camp Gear
   #15 - Personal Effects (Elizabeth Marshall)
   #16 - Personal Effects (Mrs. Marshall)
   #17 - Medical Supplies - Camp Kit
   #18 - Deionizer for Water

Net Weight - 340 lbs.  Gross - 440 lbs.  Cu.25.8
#5 - 1 wooden box:
   #1 - Winchester Model 70 Serial #308897
       Lyman Ax Telescopic Sight, Sling and
       Plastic Case
   #2 - Same as above - Serial #185038
   #4 - 2 Wooden Tripods & Cases - 2 metal tripods
       Miscellaneous Hand Tripods
   #5 - Microphone Stand "Electrovoice"
   #6 - Tent Pole Assembly for 9'4" x 9'4" Tent
   #7 - 8 Camp Guts
   #8 - Tool Box with assorted tools
   #9 - Steel Box 5 x 12"

Net Weight - 350 lbs.  Gross - 415 lbs.  Cu.18.8

#6 - 1 wooden box:
   1 - 9'4" x 9'4" Umbrella Tent
   2 - 5 x 7 "Crawl-In" Tents
   2 - Sets Tent Poles
   1 - 9 x 12 Tent, Wall
   1 - 9 x 12 Tent, Fly
   13 - Camp Chairs (Canvas & Steel)
       1 - Camp Chair (Canvas and Aluminum)
       1 - Camp Table (Folding)
       4 - Camp Stools (Folding)

Net Weight - 300 lbs.  Gross - 390 lbs.  Cu.28.6

#7 - 1 wooden box:
   #1 - 4 Mattresses and Covers
   #2 - 2 Tables (Steel and Wood)
   #3 - 2 Table Tops (Stainless steel and wood)
   #4 - 4 Reflectors (Photographic)
   #5 - Winchester Model 24 Shotgun Serial #86877

Net Weight - 385 lbs.  Gross - 505 lbs.  Cu.33.11

#8 - 1 Wooden box:
   #1 Ammunition Cases containing:
       #1 Cutlery, 5 flashlites, 2 locks, 12 batteries (flashlite)
       #2 Poster Pains and brushes
       #3 Gifts, buttons, beads
       #4 Hand spotlite, chemicals, photo and electrical
   #2 Aluminum Case (Kitchen Ware)
   #3 - Medical Kit, emergency field
   #4 - Medical Kit, emergency field
   #5 - Vibrator, 6 volt (in steel box)
   #6 Vibrator, 6 volt (in steel box)
   #7 - Tools, auto repair (in steel case 7"x10"
   #8 Tool Box (Steel)
   #9 - Grinding Stone, electric, 6 volt
   #10- Spare Parts for Dodge Power Wagon (1 box)
   #11- Spare Parts (1 box)

Net Weight - 300 lbs.  Gross -365 lbs.  Cu.15.2
#9 - 1 wooden box:

**AMMUNITION:**

#1 - Shells 30.06 - 180 gr. box of 20 (5 ea)
#2 - Shells 30.06 - 210 gr. box of 20 (5 ea)
#3 - Shells 44.40 - Shot - box of 50 (5 ea)

Net Weight - 30 lbs. Gross - 52 lbs. Cu.2.5

#10 - 1 wooden box:

Generator, Gasoline 6 - 8 volt
Ord. No. 10421
Engine No. 572021
Generator No. 49530

Net Weight - 135 lbs. Gross - 162 lbs. Cu.6.8

#11 - 1 wooden box:

Movie Equipment and Film

NB: On truck - Weight not known

#12 - 1 wooden box:

Camera and Sound Equipment

NB: on truck - weight not known

#13 - 1 wooden box:

Transfer Case: For Dodge Power Wagon

#1-188941

Net Weight - 200 lbs. Gross - 245 lbs. Cu.6.2

#14 - 1 wooden box:

Spare Parts for Dodge Truck

Net Weight - 160 lbs. Gross - 205 lbs. Cu.9.6

#15 - 1 wooden box:

Spare Parts for Dodge Truck

Net Weight - 455 lbs. Gross - 555 lbs. Cu.8

#16 - 1 wooden box:

Household Goods and Tools

Net Weight - 170 lbs. Gross - 215 lbs. Cu.19

#17 - 1 wooden box:

Flash Bulbs

Net Weight - 30 lbs. Gross - 60 lbs. Cu.7.5
PACKING LIST - Page #4

#18 - 1 box:
    Spare Automobile Parts
    Gross - 75 lbs.

#19 - 1 box:
    Spare Automobile Parts
    Gross - 75 lbs.

#20 - 1 box:
    Spare Automobile Parts
    Gross - 75 lbs.

#21 - 1 box:
    Sun Helmets
    Flashlight Batteries
    Books
    Compass

    Net Weight - 20 lbs.    Gross - 40 lbs.    Cu.2.10

#22 - 1 box: Small Wood Chest

    Net Weight - 18 lbs.    Gross - 25 lbs.    Cu.1.10
INVOICE AND DECLARATION OF VALUE REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENT TO
THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Comprised of the following provinces—Cape Province, Natal (including Zululand), Orange Free State, Transvaal
Also used for the following Territories
Basutoland
East Griqualand
Rhodesia (N. & S.)
Swaziland
Transkei
Bekuanaland
Pondoland
South West Africa
Tembland
Walvis Bay
Zanzibar

(Place and Date) Boston, Mass., March 26, 1955

Invoice No. 00-0000

Invoice of Trucks, Expedition Equipment, etc., purchased
by Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition, Walvis Bay, South Africa
from Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition, Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass.,
to be shipped per

AS “African Sun” from New York

CUSTOMER'S ORDER NO. 00-0000

OUR ORDER NO. 00-0000

 TERMS: 

U.S.A. Full Address

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This declaration must appear on all invoices of goods of American manufacture.

Dated at Boston, March 1955

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Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition

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**BILL OF LADING**

(Short Form Incorporating Terms of Long Form)

**SHIP** African Sun  
**FLAG** Am.  
**PIER** Ft. 33rd St., Brooklyn  
**PORT OF LOADING** New York

**PORT OF DISCHARGE FROM SHIP** Walvis Bay

**DESTINATION OF GOODS**

(If goods are to be transhipped or forwarded at port of discharge)

**SHIPPER**  
Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition  
Hairies & Co. Inc., Walvis Bay, South Africa

**CONSIGNEE TO ORDER OF**  
Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition, Walvis Bay, South Africa

**ADDRESS ARRIVAL NOTICE TO** Same

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, 3 Bills of Lading have been signed of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others shall be void.**

**DATED AT NEW YORK**

**B/L No.** 321.55 37

**FOR THE MASTER**  
Farrell Lines Incorporated
**BILL OF LADING**

**SHORT FORM INCORPORATING TERMS OF LONG FORM**

RECEIVED from the shipper herein named, the goods or packages said to contain goods herein mentioned, in apparent good order and condition, except as otherwise indicated herein, to be transported to the port of discharge, or so near thereunto as the ship can get, lie and leave always in safety and afloat under all conditions of tide, water and weather, and there to be delivered to the consignee or on-carrier, as the case may be, on payment of all charges due and owing hereunder and on due performance of all obligations of the shipper and consignee and each of them.

1. It is agreed that the receipt, custody, carriage and delivery of the goods are subject to the terms appearing on the face and back of this bill of lading, whether printed, typed, stamped, written or incorporated herein and also to the terms contained in the Farrell Lines Incorporated regular long form bill of lading as now in use, including any clauses presently being stamped or endorsed thereon, which shall be deemed to be incorporated in this bill of lading, which shall govern the relations, whatsoever they may be, between shipper, consignee and the carrier, master and ship in every contingency, wheresoever and whenever occurring and whether the carrier be acting as such, or as bailee, and also in the event of, or during deviation, or of conversion of the goods or of unseaworthiness of the ship at the time of loading or inception of the voyage or subsequently. The terms of this bill of lading shall not be deemed waived by the carrier except by express waiver signed by a duly authorized agent of the carrier. Copies of the Farrell Lines Incorporated regular long form bill of lading and clauses presently being stamped or endorsed thereon are available on request and may be inspected at any of its offices.

2. If the goods are transhipped all responsibility of the carrier in any capacity shall altogether cease and the goods shall be deemed delivered by it and this contract of carriage be deemed fully performed on actual or constructive delivery of the goods to the on-carrier at port of discharge or elsewhere in case of an earlier transhipment.

3. This bill of lading shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of the United States, approved April 16, 1936, which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein and nothing contained herein shall be deemed a surrender by the carrier of any of its rights or immunities or an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities under said Act. If any term of this bill of lading shall be repugnant to said Act to any extent, such term shall be void to that extent, but no further. The provisions stated in said Act (except subdivision 2 (i) of Sec. 4 and except as otherwise specifically provided by the terms of this bill of lading or those incorporated herein) shall govern before the goods are loaded on and after they are discharged from the ship.

4. All agreements or freight engagements for the shipment of the goods are superseded by this bill of lading. If required by the carrier a signed original bill of lading duly endorsed, must be surrendered to the carrier on delivery of the goods.

(TERMS CONTINUED ON REVERSE HEREOF)

(Do not use this space for description of shipment)
April 4, 1955

Mr. John H. Dyer
Storer Damon & Lund
57 Brattle Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Dyer:

This is the factual letter you requested with regard to the South West Africa Expedition insurance. Mr. Geddes of T. D. Downing & Co., our customs broker who made the shipment, has been informed by the Farrell Line more or less as follows:

The ocean freight for the South West Africa Expedition was loaded on the African Sun in New York. At Savannah while transferring part of the cargo from one hold to another, one of the 6-wheel trucks was dropped "between the ship and the dock."

A considerable amount of damage was done to the truck, and it was left by the Farrell Line on the Savannah dock. Also left with it was a bundle of spare tires and 2 spare tires mounted on rims, and other gear. I have written to the Farrell Line asking for a detailed statement as to what is on the truck.

This truck belongs to the U.S. Army. It is in our possession because the Expedition this year is a joint Expedition with the Smithsonian Institution. The official name of the Expedition is Peabody Museum Harvard-Smithsonian Institution Kalahari Expedition.

Two 6-wheel trucks were assigned to the Smithsonian Institution by the Army for the use of the Expedition. It is one of those trucks which was damaged.

When I talked with Mr. Marshall by phone in Johannesburg, he informed me of a small policy on these trucks which you had written for him. He also informed me that he had a telegram from the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Leonard Carmichael informing him that it was not necessary for him to insure Army trucks. The implication here is that the Army does not expect you to insure its vehicles. This statement was confirmed to me on the telephone by both Dr. Carmichael and his assistant at the Smithsonian, John Graff.

I have reported this incident to the Smithsonian and Mr. Graff is informing the Army.
Mr. John H. Dyers
Storer Damon & Lund

From all I can learn up to this point, the problem of obtaining recompense for damage to the truck is a matter for consideration by the Army.

On the other hand, there is a contingent loss to the Expedition. There will be a substantial money loss and there will be considerable loss of time though this is less tangible in terms of dollars and cents.

I would like your advice as to procedure in this matter. I have done nothing with regard to the Farrell Line except to send off a letter, copy of which I enclose. I have had no talk with any representative of the Farrell Line as yet.

This account covers everything I know about the situation to date.

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. Brew
Director

JOB: HS
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A considerable amount of damage was done to the truck, and it was left by the Farrell Line on the Savannah dock. Also left with it was a bundle of spare tires and 2 spare tires mounted on rims, and other gear. I have written to the Farrell Line asking for a detailed statement as to what is on the truck.

This truck belongs to the U.S. Army. It is in our possession because the Expedition this year is a joint Expedition with the Smithsonian Institution. The official name of the Expedition is Peabody Museum, Harvard-Smithsonian Institution Kalahari Expedition.

Two 6-wheel trucks were assigned to the Smithsonian Institution by the Army for the use of the Expedition. It is one of those trucks which was damaged.

When I talked with Mr. Marshall by phone in Johannesburg, he informed me of a small policy on these trucks which you had written for him. He also informed me that he had a telegram from the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Leonard Carmichael informing him that it was not necessary for him to insure Army trucks. The implication here is that the Army does not expect you to insure its vehicles. This statement was confirmed to me on the telephone by both Dr. Carmichael and his assistant at the Smithsonian, John Graff.

I have reported this incident to the Smithsonian and Mr. Graff is informing the Army.
From all I can learn up to this point, the problem of obtaining recompense for damage to the truck is a matter for consideration by the Army.

On the other hand, there is a contingent loss to the Expedition. There will be a substantial money loss and there will be considerable loss of time though this is less tangible in terms of dollars and cents.

I would like your advice as to procedure in this matter. I have done nothing with regard to the Farrell Line except to send off a letter, copy of which I enclose. I have had no talk with any representative of the Farrell Line as yet.

This account covers everything I know about the situation to date.

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. Brew
Director

JOB: HS
April 4, 1955

Farrell Lines, Inc.
26 Beaver Street
New York, New York

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I communicated immediately with him by telephone and he is, of course, much distressed. I do not know what the solution will be to his transport problem. It is possible that he might purchase a large truck in South Africa which would be inferior for the kind of work we are up against. He might also want us to try to get a replacement for the six-wheel truck from the Army. Both of these solutions will result in delay and considerable cost.

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April 5, 1955

Commanding Officer
Raritan Arsenal
Metuchen, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

This will identify Dr. J. O. Brew, Director of the Peabody Museum, who is representing the Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Expedition, in Mr. L. K. Marshall's absence in Africa.

In accordance with discussions with Mr. Vernon E. Shomo, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Department of the Army, Dr. Brew is representing the Smithsonian Institution concerning the vehicle which is to be issued on a loan basis to the Institution by the Department of the Army.

Mr. Shomo has indicated that the modifications to this vehicle, which Dr. Brew will outline to you, probably can be performed by your installation without undue cost to the Government. I understand that the Smithsonian Institution will be invoiced for the cost of these modifications. Any assistance you may be able to render will be greatly appreciated as these alterations are highly desirable.

If Dr. Brew is not able to be present personally at your installation, this letter will be presented by one of his staff whom he will authorize as his official representative in the matter of this vehicle.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary
April 6, 1955

John E. Graf, Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

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With regard to claims against the Farrell Lines, I now have the following information. The claim agent is E. F. Grady, 26 Beaver St., New York City. We have one year to put in the claim.

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Dear Johnny:

Thank you for your letter of April 5 and the enclosed authorization addressed to the Commanding Officer of the Raritan Arsenal. T

The position at present is--I talked with Mr. Marshall on the phone yesterday at Johannesburg reporting that through your kind and efficient offices, it will be possible to obtain a replacement for the damaged six-wheel truck modified in the same manner as the original two trucks. Mr. Marshall was, of course, extremely gratified at this report.

Since hearing of the accident, he has been making efforts to obtain a similar type of vehicle in South Africa. He stated that he would advise me in two days by cable whether or not these efforts were successful. If he is not successful, presumably I will be getting in touch with you Thursday or Friday in order to have the new vehicle made in readiness so that we can ship it on the African Rainbow which leaves New York on April 20, arriving in Walvis Bay, South West Africa on May 10.

The African Rainbow also touches at Savannah, I am told, and I shall in any case have the spare tires and whatever other material was left on the damaged truck, picked up at Savannah. In this connection, we should, of course make sure that if the Army recovers this damaged truck immediately, they should leave behind with the agents of the Farrell Lines at Savannah these spare tires and any other property of the Expedition which may be on the truck.

With regard to your question about expenses in connection with any insurance hearing that might be held, I can say the following. It is not our intention that the Smithsonian Institution should be out of pocket for expenses connected with the Expedition. I had thought that in all probability, some division of the Army would wish to go into this themselves. If, however, the Army is to be represented by the Smithsonian at the hearing, and at the expense of the Smithsonian, we will foot the bill.

Please let me express again my appreciation of the magnificent job you have done in arranging a replacement of the truck. Before we get through with this transaction, I should like to have the full names, titles, and addresses of Mr. Wilding, Mr. Shomo, and all those whom have assisted the Expedition.

Sincerely yours,

J. O. Brew, Director
April 6, 1955

Mr. Laurence K. Marshall
Grosahertzog Hotel
Windhoek, South West Africa

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The African Sun has departed for Walvis Bay leaving the damaged truck on the dock. The damage was said to be considerable. It was also said that remaining on the truck was no appreciable amount of equipment, but a bunch of "frames" (which I take to be the covered wagon tops for one or both trucks), two spare tires mounted on rims and a bundle of spare tires.

I immediately put in a call for John at home and you in Johannesburg. After talking with you, I called Carmichael and got him at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. He suggested that I get in touch with Johnny Graf who is the Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian and an old and valued friend of mine. This I did reporting the incident and asking him to inform the Army. I also got in touch with your insurance agent, Dyer, here in Cambridge. In my telephone conversation with Carmichael and Graf, they both confirmed the fact that it was not expected that we would have had insurance on this truck. On Monday, I received your cable asking about a duplicate truck and immediately called Johnny Graf. On Tuesday, Graf called me, with the Smithsonian Supply Officer also on the line, saying that a truck could be made up for us at the Raritan Arsenal to your specifications within 30 hours after receiving a request. This I passed on to you by phone on Tuesday and I am now awaiting your further instructions.

I have also discussed the question of contingent damages with Dyer, Geddes and Graf. If there is an insurance meeting, I am told that the Smithsonian will represent the Army. Graf told me on the phone yesterday that Carmichael had told him that he, Carmichael, had told you that the Smithsonian had no money to put into this. I, therefore, told Graf that if the Smithsonian had to attend a hearing at its own expense, we would foot the bill of their representative. Graf told me that if the Farrell Line insurance paid anything for actual damage to the truck, we would not receive any part of that (as a matter of fact the Army won't either for it will go into the general funds in the Treasury Department). I said that I fully understood this and that our interest
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Farrell Lines informs me that the African Rainbow sails from New York April 30, arriving in Walvis Bay on May 10, and that the African Moon sails from New York on May 10, arriving at Walvis Bay on May 30.

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P.P.S. We have, of course, a copy of the packing list which was sent by T. D. Downing to Messrs. Harries and Co., Walvis Bay which lists the contents of 22 boxes by number. It does not, however, indicate which if any of these boxes may be the two lockers reported still to be on the damaged truck. I have wired for numbers, if any, on these lockers.

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Our Ref. X-56787

Peabody-Harvard Smithsonian Kalahari Expedition,
Peabody Museum,
Cambridge, Mass.  Att: Dr. J.O. Brew

Dear Dr. Brew:

We refer again to the matter of damage to the truck which was part of the Expeditionary Equipment recently shipped to South Africa per SS "African Sun"

In the event that Mr. Marshall decides to replace the truck from this country we thought you might be interested in the next opportunity for shipment. The SS "African Rainbow" will sail from the following ports at the following dates:

- Baltimore - April 16, 1955
- Philadelphia - April 17, 1955
- New York - April 20, 1955
- Charleston - April 22, 1955
- Savannah - April 23, 1955

Possibly the U.S. Army can supply a truck from one of their stations at these ports.

There is one other problem and it is that of the export license. Under the prevailing conditions we have asked the Customs authorities at New York to withhold further action on the export license until a decision is made as to whether or not replacement will be shipped. However the license which was used on the original shipment is only valid until April 30, 1955. If a decision is made to ship another truck it will require several days' notice to us so that we may get the license extended.

If we can be of help to you in this matter in any way please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours faithfully,
T.D. Downing Company

WNG. EL

[Signature]
April 8, 1955

Dr. J. O. Brew
Director
Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Jo:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence we have had with the Army concerning the trucks.

Mr. Shomo just advised us this afternoon that the truck will be ready to be picked up by you on the morning of Thursday, April 14, 1955. Unless you hear from us to the contrary by Wednesday, the Army will meet this deadline.

Mr. Wilding expresses the hope that you will be able to have someone there to pick up the truck, the day it is ready. He feels that even though it might make it necessary for you to store it for a few days before the sailing date, from the point of diplomacy, it would be best to pick it up the day the Army indicates it is ready. They evidently put a special order out to have the truck ready as quickly as possible, so we wouldn't want them to get the impression that our request for urgency was not as serious as we may have led them to believe. Do your best on this.

Your two letters of April 6, 1955, have been received. We are looking into your P.S. inquiry about assaying the damaged truck. I will be in touch with you later on this phase of things.

I was glad to learn the African Rainbow will touch at Savannah. This will simplify to some extent the matter of picking up the items that were in the "dunked" truck.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

J. E. Graf
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures
Office of Chief of Ordnance  
U. S. Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our letter of February 16, 1955, and your reply of February 23, 1955, copies of which are enclosed, concerning the loan of two Army vehicles for use by the Peabody-Harvard-Smithsonian Expedition to the Kalahari Desert in eastern Southwest Africa and Bechuanaland.

The above correspondence resulted in a representative of the Institution picking up 2 each Truck, Cargo, 2 1/2 ton, 6 x 6, with winch, GMC, open cab, banjo-type axle from the Haritan Arsenal, Metuchen, New Jersey.

As indicated in the enclosed copy of our letter of April 4, 1955, to Office of Chief of Ordnance, ORDFQ-NCV, one of the above trucks was badly damaged while the ship carrying it was in port at Savannah, Georgia. The Institution is thus in serious need of a replacement for the damaged truck, and it would be deeply appreciated if you could make available to us another truck the same as the one which has been damaged.

We are most grateful indeed for the fine help your organization has given us in the past and we regret that the unfortunate damage sustained by the truck necessitates our approaching you again for assistance. Anything you can do to aid us in the present situation will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

LEONARD CARMICHAEL

Leonard Carmichael  
Secretary

Enclosures
April 4, 1955

Office of Chief of Ordnance
ORDFK-NCV
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Department of the Army recently made available to the Smithsonian Institution, on a loan basis, two 6 x 6 cargo trucks for use by expedition to the Kalahari Desert, Eastern Southwest Africa. These vehicles were shipped on the "AFRICAN SUN" of the Farrell Lines. While the ship was in port at Savannah, Georgia, and apparently while in process of transferring cargo, one of the above trucks was very seriously damaged. The Institution has no details as to the exact cause, nor of the nature and extent of the damage.

The shipment was arranged through T. D. Downing, Customs Brokers, 86 Broad Street, Boston, Massachusetts (telephone Hancock 6-4800), and was handled by a Mr. Geddes of that organization.

From a report reaching us, a Mr. Forker of Farrell Lines, Inc. of 26 Beaver Street, New York, N. Y., informed Mr. Geddes that there would be an insurance hearing, but did not give either place or time. You will be informed as soon as additional information reaches the Smithsonian Institution.

In the meantime we would appreciate learning if there is any specific or additional information you wish to receive.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Wilding
Chief, Supply Division
February 23, 1955

Doctor Leonard Carmichael
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Doctor Carmichael:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16, 1955, concerning the loan of two Army vehicles for use by an expedition being sent by the Smithsonian Institution to the Kalahari Desert in eastern Southwest Africa and Bechuanaland.

As agreed at a conference between representatives of Smithsonian Institution and the Department of the Army on February 19, 1955, two each Truck, cargo, 2-1/2 ton, 6 x 6, with winch, GMC, open cab, banjo type axle, will be made available to the Smithsonian Institution by the Department of the Army on a loan basis for a period of one year under the following conditions:

a. Vehicles will be turned over to an authorized representative of the Smithsonian Institution at Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, New Jersey.

b. Cost of shipment from Raritan Arsenal to location designated by the Smithsonian Institution and return to designated Department of the Army installation will be borne by the Institution.

c. Upon completion of the loan period the vehicles will be promptly returned to the Department of the Army, unless the Department of the Army directs otherwise.

d. If at the time the vehicles are to be returned to the Department of the Army the vehicles are in other than the condition in which they were furnished, reasonable wear and tear excepted, or if the vehicles cannot be returned, the Institution will reimburse the Department of the Army accordingly.

Attention is invited to the fact that the vehicles proffered are World War II type and are not new vehicles; however, they have recently been rebuilt to meet U. S. Army standards and should give satisfactory service.

Sincerely,

R. T. EVANS, JR.
Colonel, GS
Assistant Chief
Storage & Distribution Division
February 16, 1955

Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
United States Army
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

On behalf of the Smithsonian Institution, I am appealing to you for assistance in obtaining suitable vehicles for use by an expedition being sent to the Kalahari Desert in eastern Southwest Africa and Bechuanaland.

This expedition is under the joint sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution and the Peabody Museum of Harvard University and will sail from New York on March 15, 1955. Its researches will continue previous work in the fields of anthropology, botany, linguistics, and zoology. These researches have developed considerable data in these fields of study which are available to the Department of Defense, and it is felt the additional data will enhance the value of this material and that it is in the National interest if the Department of Defense facilitates the work of the expedition.

The principal unfavorable feature of this country is that there is no surface water. The rains occur in January, February, and March, and during the rest of the year there is no precipitation. The most critical problem is the transportation of water as well as food since these must be transported often as far as a hundred miles. The terrain is generally flat with heavy sand interspersed with areas of thick brush and scrub trees. There are, of course, no roads or trails through this section, and experience of previous explorations in this area has shown that multi-axle vehicles are the only type capable of dependable service. For this purpose the following have been recommended:

1 new 2-1/2 6 x 6 Cargo Truck, with standard gear shift, as made by General Motors with "Banjo" type rear end and single rear wheels or convertible thereto; equipped with a power-driven winch and fitted with stake body.

1 new 1-1/2 ton 4 x 4 Power Wagon with standard gear shift with stake body and equipped with a winch; single rear wheels or convertible thereto.

Accordingly, I would deeply appreciate it if one of each of the above vehicles could be made available on a loan basis for this expedition. It is believed that on the completion of the approximately eight months' work in this rugged country that the vehicles will be depreciated to the point where return to this country would not be economical. It will be further necessary for the Smithsonian Institution to make minor modifications such as adding a screen to protect the radiator from becoming clogged with grass seeds and insects, and bolting water and gasoline tanks to the body.

Sincerely yours,

LEONARD CARMICHAEL

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary
April 8, 1955

Dr. Leonard Carmichael
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Carmichael:

I enclose our check for $500 payable to Smithsonian Institution. This is to take care of expenses of certain revisions in the six-wheel truck which is being provided by the Army for our Peabody Museum, Harvard-Smithsonian Institution Kalahari Expedition in replacement of the one which was wrecked on the docks at Savannah, Georgia.

I am most grateful to John E. Graf and the other members of your staff for their wonderful cooperation in arranging for this replacement.

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. Brew
Director

JOB: HS
Enc. check
April 9

Dear John,

I sent the letter today.

Chief Accounting Officer
University of the Witwatersrand
Soweto, South Africa

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your check for $100 which will be credited to the account of the Peabody-Harvard-Smithsonian Expedition. It is a great pleasure to be able to collaborate with your great University in trying to work out an approach to a statement of the linguistics of the little known Bushmen of the Kalahari, and we are most grateful to the University for their part in making the services of Professor F. M. Sothi available for that purpose. We will do our best to make the effort a success.

Sincerely,

April ninth.

Holidays began Wednesday and end Monday night so typists are as scarce as dodo's (the kind, not the bird). Don't let living up to his standards!

In Pretoria Good Friday with C. Koch & Walter Bettin. Saw Mrs. Stoney, who is a botanist working for the Groot under Dr. Dyer. Tried to see Dyer & his second Codd-but holidays are in command. Stoney looks like a fine person--her thin face is not unusual--her eyes are alert and kind. She will be back on Tuesday. The Johnny office is (over)
Farrell lines told me Cresens sailed 16th now it appears that Rainbows will be due in Walvis Bay May 10. Any time now they will be O.K.

The rains have been heavy and who knows Bedouinland will be better I think than anyone - who has a truck we can either buy or rent. If it is O.K. we are all right if we can buy a Cherw or a Bedford of the right kind from Colours. And just now from here - before talking to Burger - is looking as though we will be at Blagoev after perhaps three or four weeks.

I'll tell you more after I get to Windhoek on the 13th.

Regards.

[Signature]
Not Usual
April 12, 1955

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Archaeology and Ethnology
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Brew:

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Sometime when you have a few minutes in Washington, won't you plan to have luncheon or dinner with me?

Cordially yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary
April 12, 1955

University Overland Express Company
822 McGrath Highway
Somerville 45, Massachusetts

Attention: Mr. Kelly

Gentlemen:

You will remember that last month you drove two six-wheel trucks for us from Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, New Jersey to Cambridge, Massachusetts.

We are getting another truck from the same place. I am informed that it will be ready to be picked up on the morning of Thursday, April 14. Will you please have someone pick it up at the Raritan Arsenal and drive it to G.M.C. Truck and Coach Division, 103 North Beacon St., Boston.

I enclose a carbon copy of the authorization to receive this vehicle and a letter from me to the Commanding Officer of the Arsenal.

It is my understanding that one of your drivers will go to Metuchen in time to pick up this truck on Thursday morning. If you need anything more from me, please give me a ring.

Very truly yours,

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Enc.
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Attention Mr. D. J. Powers

Gentlemen:

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exem date with Mr. Meredith regarding the equipment on the
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Out from New York May 2, 1955, but as the SS AFRICAN RAINBOW
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cc: Carolina Shipping Co.
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    Attn: Joseph G. Piening
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501 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alfred:

Will you please have a copy of "The Long Ships" sent to Mr. R. W. Groves, Jr., Beaulieu Point, Savannah, Georgia, with my compliments and send a bill here made out to the Peabody Museu, South West Africa Expedition.

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In Mr. Knopf's absence from the City, we acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 15th. We have arranged for a copy of THE LONG SHIPS to be sent Mr. Groves in accordance with your request.

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ANS.
Farrell Lines, Inc.
26 Beaver Street
New York 4, N. Y.

Attn: Mr. A. M. Forkers

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s/s "AFRICAN SUN" VOY. 47 OUT
New York/Walvis Bay B/L #27

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, file 1647/2309, in regard to the equipment, including spare tires, on the damaged Army truck on the above vessel.

We wish to confirm that at the request of Dr. Brew, and confirmed by your office, we are arranging to send to the Chief Officer of the "AFRICAN RAINBOW" at Georgetown, S. C. the spare parts from the truck that are boxed as well as all spare wheels, tires, etc. on April 25th.

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