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My Dear Skead

I do not like lose my friends by not to them - but letters destroyed slaving Arabs Banians has me in the position appearing to be careless to many like you I have regarded feelings of great . It is an age since heard from you

[0002] I have been in the mart of Eastern

Africa and all the dread being

"written against" and either going or coming to me been treated unclean & burked American gentleman this to the coast I make my excuse you for long silence have been exploring a long time sources of the Nile having found immense number them in 10" - 12" South

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[...] down the great central and through the cannibals Watershed is some

700 miles long - from innumerable springs into enormous and Lakes in an "Upper Basin" but in rather quick slope. soon as the Southern known it was for certain called discovery by this packet reveal 700 miles fountains and to fair the dreamers

[0004] be allowed to have on the division of in their crossing may claim 233 miles

- a great Psychological - I am going to seize some my goods which unwisely handed to slaves and to traders - the jolly have been on them for 14 . They have a loss of 2 in time = 1800 of tramp and least £1000 of money I hope to get over all and with kind to your wife

I am very sincerely yours

David Livingstone