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Prime Minister's Office.
Kantoor van die Eerste Minister
CAPE TOWN.

5th March, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by Dr. Malan to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd February, which could unfortunately not be attended to before your departure from Cape Town, owing to the pressure of his Parliamentary and other duties.

As regards your request for a talk about the late Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Prime Minister wishes to refer you to the tribute he paid to his memory in the House of Assembly, the text of which I enclose.

The difference in political outlook between the late Mr. Hofmeyr and himself are well known and the Prime Minister would like to confine himself to the words spoken by him on the abovementioned occasion.

Yours faithfully,


PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Mr. A. Paton,
P. O. ANERLEY, Natal.



The Hon.D.F.Malan:-

"With the loss of Mr.Hofmeyr,
South Africa has lost one of its greatest sons. His
devotion to every duty which devolved on him was unlimited.

He never hesitated to stand by his inner
convictions even at great personal sacrifice.

He rendered great service to South Africa
in every sphere. South Africa saw in him a man of honour, who
carried his honour, conscience and character into public life.

In the sphere of the spiritual life of the
nation, he enriched South Africa."