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Dear Peter,

I am writing to you about a rather difficult matter. Several people here have approached me about Alan's nomination for Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand and his acceptance. I suppose you know that the two other nominees are Helen Suzman and B.L. Bernstein. The view expressed to me is that Alan should not stand against Helen. The reasons are, among others, that this is her university and her town and the election would be the crown of her work. If there is competition between Alan and her, it may be that on a split vote Bernstein will get in.

I have spoken to several Liberals, among them Ernie and Jeannette Cohen, and they also think that Alan should not stand. It is my view also.

Would you consider the matter and discuss it in Pietermaritzburg? I should specially like Edgar's opinion.

If in the end you consider that there is merit in the suggestion made that Alan should not compete with Helen, do you think that you could write to him at Cambridge and tell him?

This is not an easy problem to resolve.

Love to Phoebe.

Yours sincerely,

Jack