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Dear Mr. Paton -

Thank you for your letter of 9th October. About ten years ago, when it was first suggested that a life should be written of Geoffrey Clayton, Trevor Huddleston asked me if I could contribute anything, and at that time I wrote down the enclosed notes. I think the best thing I can do is to send them to you as they are, as my memory is very bad and these impressions will be fresher than anything I could put down now. I think they do cover his attitude towards women to a certain extent. I remember he told me that when he was a young curate he had been pursued by a woman who was determined to marry him and this had put him off for life! But he was undoubtedly a very deliberate bachelor and very reserved in his relationships with the opposite sex.

I am so pleased that you are writing his life as he was certainly a man to remember.

Yrs sincerely  
Mary Howick