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Dear Trevor,

Whether Clayton will be an enormously important book I don't know. I should tell you that I have decided to have it published by David Philip of Cape Town. He was with the O.U.P. and was chief editor when they published HOFMEYR. He resigned when they appointed an incompetent manager, quite rightly I think. Since he started on his own he has published eight books all of which have done reasonably well. He is very anxious to publish Clayton, but he has not seen it yet, but he should get the typescript in a few days time, then I shall go to Cape Town for the final editing. You may be sure that I shall discuss with him the question of the title. I sent you some titles to consider, but it is quite clear that you were - not surprisingly - unable to appreciate them.

I am not worrying as much about the publishing as I might be. It is largely because I would much rather read the book together with David Philip than have it edited 6000 miles away. Whether David Philip will go to Collins I don't know. He thinks that I have a duty to Jonathan Cape. However if it is "an enormously important book" then its future will look after itself to some extent.

You may be sure that you will get a copy of the typescript as soon as I get it back from Beyers Naudé.

Yours ever