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Dear Trevor,

I spent a couple of weeks in Johannesburg examining the Clayton papers, and having long talks with Kause and Yates. Next week I am going to Capetown for three weeks, and will stay at Bishops Court, then back to Johannesburg to complete the papers, and spend some time with French-Beytogh. After that I shall have to go to Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and George, then of course there is Vernon in Natal. By that time I should be able to start writing. Now I would like some help from you. It will have a great deal to do with your personal and official relationship with Geoffrey. Accounts of such relationships do not make a biography because one must give some kind of chronological shape to them, and it would be a great help to me if I could have something from you along these lines:

1. When and where born? Family background? Why the church? Compelling interests. Why the C.R.? Why come to South Africa?
2. First meeting with Geoffrey. Did Geoffrey licence you? Is this done with ceremony?
3. The nature of the work of the C.R. in Johannesburg. Again relationships with Geoffrey.
4. Geoffrey at Synod
5. The effect of South Africa upon yourself. What would you say was the essential difference between Geoffrey's attitude towards South African problems and yours? When did the first divergence occur? Was it painful? Did you ever think that Geoffrey was too cautious?
6. Was there a breach between Geoffrey and yourself? What was the nature of this?
7. The Bishop's Commission: I have not yet found the relevant papers, but I expect to do so. Did not Geoffrey draw up the final report? Was it read aloud at Synod, or was it simply circulated? Michael was critical of it was he not? How did Geoffrey react?
8. The circumstances of your departure: Geoffrey's reaction to your recall, dates also of course.
9. Further relationship with Geoffrey after you left South Africa. Did you meet him during your time at Masasi? And of course anything else that you can add.
10. Can I get a copy of the article you wrote for "The Observer" called "The Church Sleeps on"? What did Geoffrey object to? This is very important and I must get to the bottom of it. Geoffrey was a brave, highly principled man and - don't blush - so were you, what then was the difference between you?
11. Why did Geoffrey disapprove of your motion concerning leave for women missionaries. You say he was most offensive, can you describe it-
12. Can you tell me where Lady Howick lives, how should she be addressed? I should like to write to her about Geoffrey.

Yours ever,