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My dear Arthur,

I am hoping that this letter will reach you before you leave for England. I am overjoyed to hear that you will do this work for me. You say there must be no question of payment between us, but that you are willing that I should reimburse you for any expenses which you incur. I take this very literally, you are not to spend any money or go to any expense whatever without letting me know. I assume from your letter that it is your time that you are giving me as a present, and I accept this thankfully.

Now in regard to the method to be used; I don't like the idea of your using your own money and then being reimbursed later. I prefer the first idea and I shall consult my bank manager as to how best to do it. If you are agreeable I shall first deposit with your bank an amount of R100.00, and then you will let me know when you need more.

I am very glad to hear that my fears about your book have not been realised, and I am also very glad to hear that my criticism did not disturb our relationship in any way. I fear, however, that I have damaged another friendship which meant a great deal to me, and that is with Johann D. Collins. I wrote with great reluctance to D. to say that I could not recommend J. for the Nobel Prize, and I expressed the hope to D. that this would not damage our friendship, but I have a sad premonition that that is what has happened. If you would like to give me your own opinion I would be glad to hear it.

Now for your second letter about Bishop Clayton's words. I am glad that you think that the words expressed his spirit even if they were not the exact words which he used. Anything that you can remember further about this Commission would be of great help to me. I think it very possible that Geoffrey did not understand what is called "the social gospel", just why is one of the things that I must try to understand, and I would welcome your own thoughts on the matter.

With affectionate wishes to you both and again my thanks for taking on the job.