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Dear Alan,

Bishop Frank Thorne has written to tell me that he discussed with you the possibility of your writing a biography of Archbishop Clayton. This is a very interesting and exciting possibility.

When I have been asked in the past about the possibility of producing a biography of Geoffrey Clayton I have always been hesitant, because I have never felt that those who were suggested would really do him justice; but your own biography of Hofmeyr is a clear indication that, if you attempted anything about Clayton, you would certainly produce a worthy memorial to a really great man.

There might be a certain amount of difficulty in securing information about his pre-Johannesburg days, but there are still one or two people in England who knew him well and who might be able to collaborate.

I would be very interested to know your feelings.

With best wishes for Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Alan Paton,
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Kloof, Natal.