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The Right Reverend Roy Cowdry,
St. Outhbert's Rectory,
Westbourne Road,
Port Elizabeth.

Dear Roy,

Arthur Blaxall has now left Zambia and has gone back to live in England, and he is eager to gather all the information he can about Geoffrey's life in England. He has, however, been a bit disturbed because I told him that Geoffrey had enjoined in his will that no biography was to be written. He thinks there might be legal complications, but I am sure that he is wrong. I do not think that anyone has power to forbid the writing of a biography, not even while he is alive. Do you by any chance have the actual words which Geoffrey used in making this injunction, or do you think they might be contained in some papers somewhere? If not, of course, I can get someone in Pretoria to get me a copy of the will.

Arthur Blaxall does say, however, that if I see no moral objection to the writing of the biography he will be satisfied. I must say that I would not feel bound by Geoffrey's injunction, and considering in what deep respect I held him I would not be likely to feel that way unless my mind was perfectly clear about it. For better or for worse Geoffrey's life belongs to the public domain.

Do you know if Geoffrey's sister Mrs. Roberts is still alive, and do you know whether any relatives are still alive? Do you by any chance know the date of Geoffrey's birth?

I am hoping to see you both in the second half of the year when I shall come to Alice, Port Elizabeth, George, and any other place where I can learn something, and finally of course, to Capetown. I hope to go to Johannesburg sometime this month. I think it is time I began moving about again, and I expect to be more free when the Liberal Party ceases to exist. At the moment I am busier than I have been for a couple of years, going from one place to another for the final meetings of the Party.

Affectionate regards to you both,