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Mrs. Lessing,
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Dear Mrs. Lessing,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 19th. You say that you did not know that Archbishop Clayton was nervous of women, but that you rather had the impression that his attitude towards them was like that of St. Paul. Well, I think St. Paul was probably nervous of them too. Am I right in thinking that the Archbishop has his arms round his companions? If so you must realise that you have a unique photograph. He did not like being touched, either by men or women, and the photograph is a very extraordinary one.

Thank you for your remarks about the biography of Hofmeyr. The biography of Clayton will not be so much of a tome, but it is turning out to be fuller than I expected.

Thank you for your good wishes, which I reciprocate.

Yours sincerely

Alan Paton