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Father Claude Lunnis
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Dear Claude,

You apparently do not think much of my powers of memory. As a matter of fact I was glad to hear from you, not only to receive your congratulations on the passport, but to ask you an important question. By the way I do not know where you got the idea that the West Indies and U.S.A. are banned, the passport allows me to go to Europe, North America and for some reason unknown to me, the Caribbean. The question is, what can you tell me about Geoffrey Clayton? I have just come back from two weeks in Johannesburg working in the Wits library, and before that was almost three weeks at Bishop's Court. While some of my information comes from personal interviews, most if it comes from the "Watchmen" and "Good Hope". I have still to see Cowdry, Inman and Barron, and after that I shall start to write.

When you write to me please preface it with a brief biography of yourself, starting with birth, education, ordination, the C.R. and your various postings. Then I want you to tell me all you can about Clayton's attitude to the C.R. and especially to Trevor. Were you in Johannesburg during the war years? Because I should like to know anything you can tell me about the Bishop's Commission of 1941/3, also any personal stories you have.

I am glad to know you are happy in Barbados, though I do not think that I would like a steady temperature of 80°. This part of Natal I believe you know, it is very beautiful, but from Botha's Hill to Durban it is now more or less one continuous string of habitations.

I spend a weekend at St. Benedict's at the end of July and went to mass at St. Peter's. It brought back many memories.

With best wishes to you,

Yours ever,