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P. O. ANERLEY,
South Coast,
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10th August, 1949.

Mr. Marshall Campbell,
Traqua,
ESHOWE,
Zululand.

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I have debated a long time whether to reply to your letter of July 11. It is frankly abusive and I do not know by what right you expect an honest answer to questions which are asked so contemptuously. How must I interpret your hope that there will be no further articles of this nature in the Foreign Press, as you and your friends take a dim view of this sort of dirt? Is this to be read as a veiled threat? If it is, then you cannot expect any man of spirit to pay it any attention whatsoever. I give the most careful consideration to what I write, and it is my conscience and not your demands that must make my decisions for me.

I believe that you are far too sensitive and that you do not understand the nature of free and honest information which is something very different from "dirt". I have re-read my article very carefully and I cannot see that it is offensive. I believe that in this shrinking world it is important for one country to have knowledge of another, and it is for me, not you, to decide what I should write.

I shall await your answer to this letter before attempting the replies that you seem to expect; but if you again write in an abusive manner, then I think it would be better to regard the correspondence as closed.

Yours faithfully,

