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SIR HERBERT STANLEY:

CAPETOWN:

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Sir H. said that Smuts once said to him of HOFFIE, "There goes the future PM of SA." This was just before he was appointed Administrator.

Sir H. remembered H. giving a delightful speech round about 1951/52. Sir H. considered him a very good speaker, and said of him, he was cautious, not great in achievement but great in possibilities, had all the makings but got no chances. Smuts and H's mother were the handicaps. He also thought H. a little timid at times (Toc H and question of non-Europeans). H. had a tremendous loyalty to Smuts and was not keen on forming a Liberal Party as long as Smuts was alive. H. suffered from indecision.

(See Mrs. Flo Schlesinger, Muizenberg):

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When he was writing a thesis for his degree, he wrote and asked H. for certain material in this connection as he knew H. had at one time written a similar thesis. H. sent the material by return post and said it was the only copy he had.