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Dear Harry,

I regret the delay in replying to your letter about the biography. Mr. Lunt's comments on the book incline me to have confidence in his ability to make a proper abridgement.

I agree with him that the refusal of white South Africa to share its power was the great determining element in Hofmeyr's later life. The other determining elements also of great significance were his mother, General Smuts, his religion and his genius.

I make the following comments which are numbered to correspond with Mr. Lunt's own suggestions.

1. I agree.
2. Mr. Lunt suggests a prologue and epilogue. If his intention is to write these himself, I would be glad to comment on them. I would rather that he wrote them than that I did.
3. I hope that Mr. Lunt will not completely exclude the importance of cricket in Hofmeyr's life. Perhaps we South Africans are tougher than you Americans, for we can certainly endure to read the life of a man to whom baseball was something of continuing importance.
4. I must leave this to you.

In conclusion I would say that we never use the word apartheidism. We would use phrases like "policies of apartheid", "doctrines of apartheid", "belief in apartheid", etc.

Thank you for greetings from Irita van Doren. We send our love to her, and best wishes to you and Charlie.

Yours ever,