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9th August, 1965.

Dear David,

Thank you very much for your letter of August 6 and the review enclosed therein.

Yes, thank you, we are both well. We have seen Leo twice, and Nell once.

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It is very encouraging to know that HOFMEYR is selling steadily and that last week 30 copies were sold. I am not surprised that sales in the U.K. have not been very high. Laurens' wrote to me that he did not even know that the book had been published - there had been no advertisements in a paper like the OBSERVER. I am really disappointed that the OBSERVER has not reviewed it so far, but as you know, authors are always complaining.

I wonder if you can help me in a certain matter. Jonathan tells me that Harry Lawrence wrote a kind of review of HOFMEYR about a month after it was published, either for the CAPE TIMES, or the ARGUS, and that he complained that I revealed things told to me by him on confidence. Could you get the cutting for me? It quite astonishes me because Harry Lawrence was one of the least satisfactory of all the people I interviewed. I cannot think of one thing that he told me in confidence, and what is more, I cannot think of one thing in the book which I owe solely to him. Although it is so late in the day I would like to reply to him.

I still get letters from people who have read HOFMEYR and enjoyed it, which as you know, is very rewarding for a writer.

Kindest regards from us both.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Did you receive my letter telling you of a fresh lot of mistakes?