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Dear David,

I am sending back all the responses to your suggestions. I am glad you have changed your mind about the last chapter. I agree also with the consistencies.

Now I come to your piece for the Autumn list.

Line 6, you should change "forced" to "spurred"  
" 22, I think there are too many thoughts in this one sentence, but the irrelevant one seems to me to be that Smuts outlived Hofmeyr.

However, I am enclosing a copy of Scott Haigh's pre-review which appeared in the SUNDAY TRIBUNE three or four months ago. This you could use, either to help you in your own piece, or to help with the blurb. If you think it is necessary to write to Scott Haigh for permission his address is c/o DAILY NEWS, Field Street, Durban. My only criticism of your piece is that it doesn't say clearly enough what you yourself think of the book, but perhaps it is the custom of the OUP to be more restrained than other publishers.

In regard to the blurb I do not really think I should write it, but if you are still of opinion that I should, I shall attempt it in June.

I enclose a list of chapter headings. They may be very pedestrian because we are struggling against time to get away on this holiday. You will realise that the proposed titles do not all fall into the same category. Perhaps that does not matter. If however it does matter then perhaps you will select accordingly. This is another matter to which I could give attention in June if you thought it necessary.

Now the last question - the remarks about Mrs Hofmeyr in Chapter XL. Let this be one of the things which we leave for the final decision. If the change is to be made, it could be done by mere omission. I would like to consult Edgar Brookes before finally deciding, and this I cannot do until June. It has been a real pleasure to receive your suggestions. Regards from us both.