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Dear Mr. Oppenheimer,

It was very kind of you to find time to write to me from Toronto. Your office unfortunately cannot find any written evidence of the offer made to Mr. Hofmeyr to become General Manager of the Chamber of Mines. I have received from them a booklet which sets out the duties of such an official, and perhaps when you return you will be able to give me some indication of what salary and other benefits would have been offered to him.

It would have been almost impossible for Hofmeyr to have accepted the offer. He had said in Parliament at the time of his resignation that he hoped that it would serve as an example for young South Africans, and having said that, it would have been difficult for him to have left politics. Quite apart from that, people were beginning to look to him as a champion of their causes, and he could hardly have deserted them. Yet it would add interest to the story to know what kind of offer the Chamber of Mines made to him, and indeed anything else that you may be able to tell me.

Again thank you for sparing time to answer my letter in the midst of your many engagements.

Yours sincerely,