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4th May, 1962.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter in regard to the offer of the managership of the Chamber of Mines to Hofmeyr. I do not think there is any doubt that such an offer was made. Mr. Oppenheimer certainly knew of it.

The present paragraph in the biography which deals with this offer is a trifle bald, and it would be of help to me if you could set out very briefly the duties of such a general manager.

- (a) What body would control him?
- (b) Could you give me a few particulars which would make vivid to the reader the magnitude of the responsibility?
- (c) What salary do you think would have been offered to Hofmeyr?

The last question is the most difficult in view of the fact that you have no record of this offer. Even if you were to send me a general answer to this question, that would be of help to me, and I would use the information in just as general a way. I shall mention Mr. Beatty's name but no others.

Yours sincerely,