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Dear Leif,

I wonder if you would be so good as to read a few pages of the Hofmeyr life which deal with the visit to India. My biggest question is this: where did you meet the Rance and her sister-in-law? Was the Rance the wife of a Rajah? Were any of you staying with the Rajah or was he merely your host at some function?

I have embodied everything that you and Chris Dames told me of the trip, but perhaps when you receive the portion I have sent you it may bring other things to mind and you may be able to help me to give just that touch of authenticity it may be lacking in some places.

I hope you approve of the story of Hoffie's escapade on the train, and that you think that it has that touch which makes Hoffie appear human but does not laugh at him. I am doing nothing but the life at the moment and am enjoying it, but it is turning out to be a much longer book than I intended.

I would like to send the few pages to Dames as well if he is still well and alive. Can you tell me where I can get into touch with him?

With warm regards to you both,  
Yours ever,