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Dear Herbert,

I must apologise to you for having asked the Underhill question again. JH's friend was certainly C.K.J.

Thank you for sending me some great Balliol names. My wife will be typing the Oxford chapters as soon as she can but I cannot say when that will be as we have so much other work to do.

We are passing through a very difficult time here at the moment. Many of my own circle are quite satisfied that only outside pressure will bring this Government to change any of its ways. I do not know whether JH would have approved of our views. He was, as you know, very conservative in many ways, and probably would have thought it was a crime to tamper with the country's economy. I myself take rather the view that unless something disturbs the country's economy, the present state of affairs will go on for a long time yet. For many it has become a choice between the evil of boycott and the evil of apartheid, and to me the second is immeasurably greater than the first.

You probably have heard of the emergence of the Progressive Group, but as it happens, they have come out at a very difficult time for themselves. The republic is the big issue, and people are going to support the United Party rather than a new group at this stage. Another thing which creates difficulties for them is the outburst of violence at Cato Manor (a slum area near Durban) where nine policemen were killed last Sunday night. It is very difficult to put forward policies of racial cooperation in such an atmosphere. JH would undoubtedly have found these times very grave, and while he certainly would have stood up to them with courage, they would have weighed very heavily upon his spirit. I think there are hard times ahead of us.

Thanks for your continual help.

Yours ever,