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Mr A. Paton,  
23 Lynton Road,  
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Dear Alan,

Thanks for your letter of 20 January. I shall certainly be able to say that I never had a telephone conversation lasting 20 minutes with you.

Bookshelf is a weekly feature on the Rhodesia Broadcasting Corporation.

Thank you for being so philosophical about Hofmeyr B.A. with Cat.

I find it very difficult to answer your query about whether there is likely to be a second edition. It is likely to depend on how much it catches on overseas. It will be published in the U.K. in February, because this will give our travellers a good opportunity of subscribing the book among the trade. Of course the copies that will be selling will be the first impression, which we shipped off to them as soon as we could after printing. Any decision about the second edition will depend on how soon they begin to dig into our stocks of the second impression, of which we now have about 1,400 left (i.e. 600 have been sold).

I shall be very glad to see you on Sunday, 31 January, when we can discuss this further.

With good wishes for 1965,

Yours sincerely,

*David*

D.H. PHILIP

*Please phone me on arrival*