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23 Lynton Road,
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9th January, 1960.

Dear O.B.,

I wonder whether Mrs. Bull would be able to remember whether 'Delft' was the name of the Beyers home in the Avenue?

I would also like to know where you were when JH helped Mrs. Bull to run the Seaside Services at Somerset Strand in 1916/7.

I wonder also if Mrs. Bull will know what the relationship was between JH and Mr. Henry John Hofmeyr, a lawyer in Johannesburg and a member of the Council of the University when JH was Principal?

Still another question, if I may. When Hoffie applied for a position with the SCA., Gerdener wrote on 30.8.16, and again on 5.9.17, and finally on 18.9.17, saying that there was no job for JH. Do you think these last two dates should both be 1916? Is it possible that Hoffie waited a whole year before a final answer was given?

Do you know who was Andrew Young in the Department of Geology at the University of Cape Town in 1919? Was he the same Young who later went to Wits as Professor of Geology and stood by JH in the Stibbe trouble?

Who was Stanley Morrison at Oxford with JH and has 'non-Coll' after his name? When JH first met Smuts, he sent a character sketch of him to Morrison. What I would give to get hold of this! I fear that Morrison died, because the correspondence is so brief. Would it be asking too much of you to ask you to try to remember what Hoffie said to you about Smuts in those early days.

There is one man who I am sure could tell me a lot. That is Professor Mainguard, But I found him extremely hostile.

We greatly enjoyed seeing you both again, and trust you have good news of your family. We send our love to you both and best wishes for 1960.

Yours ever,