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Dear Mrs. Sellschof,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of your cousin, Theo Haarhoff. I am preparing the biography of the late Jan Hofpeyr. It is not meant to be sensational, but will merely tell the truth about his life as far as one can find it.

Theo tells me that somewhere in the '30's, Mrs. Hofmeyr thought it would be a good thing for her son to marry, and that at one time there was talk of a match between him and "die dogter van die Pous van Heidelberg", who was, Theo thinks, the Rev. Mr. Louw. I wonder if you could tell me anything more about this and perhaps fix a date for it.

I would also like to know what happened to this Miss Louw. If she is still alive and is likely to be offended by this story, then I would certainly have to disguise it, but I think it is important to relate the incident. It is a very important one and shows that Mrs. Hofmeyr, strong-minded though she was, was affected by the criticisms of those who said that she prevented her son from marrying. Theo goes on to say that it was Jan Hofmeyr himself who finally put an end to these negotiations. Do be so kind as to let me know the details of this story.

Yours sincerely,