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HOFMEYR (Second Impression)

Dear Alan,

I am going on leave for three weeks from Monday, and am just letting you have the latest news about your book. We are now just about out of stock, having ten copies left which will have gone by the time you receive this letter. The printers are working like mad to get the reprint done, but it is not likely to arrive before Friday, 18 December, so that book-sellers far from Cape Town may not be able to receive further copies before Christmas. However, there are still a fair number of copies actually on sale in the bookshops throughout the country, so that the book will not suffer too much by this.

Thought we have lost some of the Christmas market, the excellent sales of the book so far have, of course, been partly caused by the Christmas season.

Yours,

David

D.H. Philip

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