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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of October 9. I received a letter from the Argus Printing & Publishing Company, and they said they were writing to you. I enclose a copy of my reply to them. I also rang Scott Haigh, acting Editor of the DAILY NEWS, who said he thought it would be foolish to sue the SAUNDAY TIMES as they could do more damage to the book than any other agency.

Thank you for the list of names to whom you are sending review copies. I am glad you are not sending to DIE TRANSVALER. I re-act very strongly to your suggestion that a copy should be sent to the SABC. I consulted a friend of mine on the SABC. He is a very level-headed fellow, and he thought it inevitable that the SABC would use the review to discredit Hofmeyr, Liberalism, the Liberal Party, and myself, and would not hesitate to describe the book as poor biography and vicious propaganda. I do hope you will drop this intention. I have given much thought to this and I have no doubt whatever that the SABC has as its prime aim the strengthening of the Government and the preservation of white supremacy. I think it would be quite unrealistic to expect an objective review from them. My friend also told me that the SABC has decided to exclude Anthony Delius from talks on South African poetry.

Thank you for your promise to send six author copies. Could you please also send the dozen referred to in my letter of September 4 as soon as possible, so that I can inscribe and send them off? In addition, I want to send two to America and I enclose inscribed cards. One is to go to John Gunther, c/o Harper & Row 49 East 33rd Street, New York 16, and the other to Dr. Douglas Steere, Haverford College, Pennsylvania. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,