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Dear Mr Paton,

I have been reading "Hofmeyr" with great interest and much pleasure, and have found it stimulating and thought provoking. I arrived in this country in 1924, in the employ of a British Company, and at first took only a superficial interest in politics as I did not intend to stay here. Reading your biography of Hofmeyr has helped me to recall much of what I had heard at the time and to understand to some extent the deep feelings of the Afrikaner which have led to the present position in this country. I realise too how blameworthy the Britisher has been.

Thank you very much for your book

Yours sincerely,

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