

P0117/35-59

755 Mayflower Road, Claremont, Calif. 91711, USA  
October 11, 1965.

Dear Alan,

Just a word to report that the two "Hofmeyr"; I ordered through our Board offices in New York, have finally come through. By air mail from Holland!

Evidently our Board found it impossible to get the books through their regular channels in New York, so they approached the

F. & S. International, Ltd.,  
23 East 16th Street,  
New York 3, N.Y.

who ordered the books through

Meidenhoff and Company, N.V.,  
Exporter of Books & Periodicals to All Countries -  
Wholesale,  
P.O. Box 197, Beulingstraat 2,  
Amsterdam C, Holland.

who sent them on to us Air Mail, sending the invoice, evidently, to the New York agents, the F. & S. company, and through them to our Board. I am giving the addresses of these channels, for others might like to try the same route. <sup>500+pp.</sup>

The books seem to be unabridged. Dora immediately dipped into one of the volumes and thoroughly enjoyed your accounts of Hoffie's home life. We knew Mrs. Hofmeyr quite well, having been in her Pretoria home several times and she and Jannie came to us in Johannesburg on at least two occasions. Mrs. Hofmeyr was quite free in talking with us about every conceivable subject. Do you mention 'Nicodemus,' the cat? We heard a good deal about him.

Some weeks ago I received inquiries, through our Board from the ~~Rutledge~~ Rutledge Books, Inc., a New York publishing house, saying that they were approaching Nelsons regarding the publication of a series of missionary autobiographies. They wrote for an account which I had written regarding our life in Johannesburg, and sounded out others in this retirement community. As the result, I have sent to Rutledge several manuscripts, and information regarding others in preparation. We are awaiting word as to the decision of these publishing houses regarding their plans.

We are watching, with some apprehension, the result of the talks between the British Prime Minister, Wilson, and the Premier of Southern Rhodesia, regarding the question of independence. Mr Smith is reported this morning via radio as saying, on his departure from London, that opinions on both sides were unchanged. Judged from news magazines and daily papers there is much more interest in African affairs in this country than ever before.

We appreciate greatly your generous references to Mrs. Phillips and myself in "Hofmeyr". We count ourselves most fortunate in our work in South Africa and in the many friends we made there. It has been a rich experience, and rewarding, in spite of the closing down of the Hofmeyr School, and much of the social work which we shared in.

Again, with warm regards to Mrs. Paton and yourself from both of us,

Very sincerely yours,

*Ray E. Phillips*  
Ray E. Phillips.