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Mr. J. Michael
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Dear Mr. Michael:

Thank you for sending me a photocopy of the article in the Herald Tribune about anti-semitism in South Africa.

May I merely mention that I immediately felt that this was somewhat exaggerated, in the sense that while there is obviously a heavy under-layer of anti-semitism in that country, it does not seem that it will imminently erupt.

Interestingly, the same day I received your photocopy, I read the following paragraph in a letter to me from a friend in Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

"Sorry to read your remarks that you are disturbed to see in the Daily Press about anti-semitic outbursts in Parliament. The position in South Africa today is neither better nor worse than when you were here. We have got to face facts that there is not much love lost between various races and nationalities throughout the world. The Jew has always been the scapegoat from time immemorial. Please do not take any notice of these reports about anti-Semitism in South Africa. The English people, consisting of English, Scots, Irish and Welsh, after many generations still do not love one another. They have the same racial difficulties. Do not be worried. We have a racial problem of White versus Black. What about the Jews in Latin America, Argentine, etc.?"

I do hope that Mrs. Michael is improving in her health. As you know, I am always anxious to hear good news about her.

With all best wishes and kind regards from Mrs. Lamm.

Sincerely yours,

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