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Mr. Allen Welsh Dulles
2723 Q St.
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Dear Sir:

The present writer, a South African born in Joannesburg, Transvaal, and at present residing in England, is engaged on a bibliography of American writers on Africa - "South of the Sahara".

When I was in the United States in the early '30s, I spent a few days in Washington and visited the Library of Congress. I noticed in one of its catalogs that you, at the age of eight, had written a small book - or pamphlet, on the Boer War. I have tried hard to get a copy but without success and am writing to enquire whether you by the remotest chance possess a spare copy. Failing this I wonder if you would give me some particulars of this "first thing" of your pen -- presumably so! - for biographical purposes? The title, date, etc., I can get from our South African Bibliography (Mendelssohn's).

As a youngster of about 8 years, I stood on the streets of Joannesburg and saw Lord Robert's troops march in and haul down the Old Republican flag and hoist the Union Jack. The town was surrendered by an intimate family friend of ours -- D. Krause - now a retired Judge (at 91).

Thanking you - yours sincerely,

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P.S. The American "Who's Who" and the English "Who's Who" give different addresses - one "P" and the other "Q" Sts., so I have put an alternate address on the envelope. As a youngster I was always told to mind my "P's" and "Q's"! I am enclosing a photostat copy of a paragraph concerning my activities which may interest you -- and vouch for the "bona fides" of my enquiry. G. L. L.

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