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Dear Phillip:

It was a delight listening to your magnificent lecture on evolution of the human brain and spending an evening with you. I would indeed like to keep in touch and hope that I might have another opportunity to visit Joburg before long.

As a rank amateur in anthropology I run great risks of error and superficiality in synthesis about the bases of modern diseases. However, so few people are doing it that I think it worth the effort. At any rate, I find it amusing.

I am enclosing my recent attempt to synthesize the anthropology and epidemiology about diet, salt intake and hypertension. It lacks, of course, some very essential ingredients, not only in the anthropology and history but about plausible mechanisms. I am certainly not requesting, or even advising, that you read this opus. You might find it useful in your files because it puts a good deal of material in one place.

Cordially,

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Dear Henry,

Thank you for your very kind letter of 20th October 1981 and for so generously sending me a copy of your manuscript. I greatly look forward to going through this as soon as the rather hectic end-of-year activities (examinations, graduations, admissions committees etc.) are behind me. Thank you for sending it: I know I shall enjoy reading it!

I was most delighted to have met you and thoroughly enjoyed chatting with you, to the extent that the desultoriness that attends all such dinner party conversations permitted!

I hope we shall meet again and have an opportunity of a longer chat on common interests.

With kind regards and Seasonal Greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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