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Dear Mrs. Coates,

Thank you so much for your kindness in offering to give me what information you can regarding Graaf's Pool. I have, of course, many of the present day and immediate past anecdotes, but what I really lack is something more historical and nearer to the man after whom the Pool was named.

Purely by coincidence there was a letter in tonight's Argus which makes my ~~article~~ story all the more interesting. I enclose the clipping in case you haven't seen it. I would appreciate any comment you might care to make.

These are some of the points I need. Can you more or less locate a year in which the Pool was built? If not, the years in which you, yourself, used to bathe there. Can I call you a schoolgirl at that time? I would like a pen picture of your father and his friends going down to bathe....and, of course, something that brings in the old trees of Bordeaux (now being chopped down!) Can you recall anything that your father might have said about actually building a wall around the pool? And anything about Van Ryneveld in connection with this matter. And, of course, the old railway line and the subway. Above all, when did your father leave Bordeaux, and when did he come there? Anything else of interest would be appreciated.

Now, this is the trouble. I have ascertained from the Post Office that I cannot expect an answer from this before Wednesday or Thursday.....and my deadline is MONDAY! I therefore am going to impose on you and phone you on Monday afternoon. If you have made your notes, I can take them down in shorthand. As, so far, yours has been the only authentic information that I have been able to get, I cannot tell you how much I would appreciate your assistance.

Please forgive the typing. It is typically the journalist.

Yours sincerely,

Byril Chosack

Dad bought Bandeau's Suite Store -
 Uncle David lived with us 11 years
 Dad offered it made it with Italian

workmen for his
 Austria + the market
 several times

Robert's
 were there were
 on the old photo
 of his house

1891
 14
 1905

Dad

1913 talked with friends
 no tunnel walked over Railway line
 later a subway was made instead of
 going over the line