

Faustino Antunes

### **Letters for Information as to character of myself:**

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1. Registrar (Essays) Self as mentally ill.
2. Geerds. Oxford (Lincom College) *giving self as dead.*
3. Beicher — *giving self as mentally ill.*
4. Dr. Haggart — *self as mentally ill.*

Signature *F. Antunes.*

Late F A N Pessôa who is thought to have committed suicide: at least he blew up a country-house in which he was, dying he and several other people. A crime (?) which caused great sensation in Portugal at the time (several months ago). I have been requested to inquire as far as is now possible, into his mental condition and, having heard, that the deceased was with you in the Durban High School, must beg you to write me stating frankly how he was considered by the boys at said institution. Write me as detailed an account as is possible on this. What opinion was held of him? Intellectually? socially? etc. Did he seem or did he not seem capable of such an act as I have described?

I must ask you to keep, as far as possible, silence in this matter; it is, you understand, very delicate and very sad. Besides, it may have been (and I wish it may have been!) an accident, and in that case [...]

It is just my task, by inquiring about his mental condition to determine whether this catastrophe was a crime or a mere accident.

An early reply will [be] very much obliged

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**Pessoa por Conhecer — Textos para um Novo Mapa** . Teresa Rita Lopes. Lisboa: Estampa, 1990: 22.

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