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Mr Alan Paton,
23 Lynton Road,
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HOFMEYR

Dear Alan,

We have been absolutely delighted with sales of your book and do congratulate you on its success. After only two weeks, 4000 copies (including not more than 100 free for publicity and other such purposes) have gone. This has even exceeded our expectations, and has beaten the binding material on its way to this country. We have therefore chosen a similar cloth (which is actually stronger and more expensive) and are going ahead with that. The last thousand will be delivered by 23 November, but we are expecting to receive stocks as they are bound and will execute orders from that.

Did you see that excellent letter in the Rand Daily Mail about Julius Lewin's review? I enclose it for your scrap book.

We are hoping, and not hoping, that our first impression will see us through until Christmas, as it is extremely unlikely that the printers will be able to reprint before Christmas. They are extremely full of work just at present.

Yours sincerely,

David

D.H. PHILIP