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Mr. Alan Paton
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Dear Sir:

I am in the process of writing a paper on your book *Cry, the Beloved Country* and how your early life affected the style which you employed in the book. I have not been able to find any information on your early childhood and your family life.

I would appreciate it if you could supply me with any information on your early childhood and your parental relationships, especially that with your mother, which you feel will be of use to me. I would also appreciate any afterthoughts you may have on *Cry, the Beloved Country* or the present situation in South Africa today.

Thank you very much for your help and time. I remain

Respectfully yours,

Jimmy Ray Odom
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