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1127, Arcadia Street,  
Hatfield,  
PRETORIA.  
4th March, 1962.



Dear Mr Paton,

I am sorry that I have taken such a long time to do the walk from Schoeman Street to the Union Buildings. Somehow it has been put off and put off until today! In the end Walter did the walking and I drove up, dropping the two little girls to walk through the U.B. grounds with him - which they enjoyed very much. He took 16 minutes walking at the steady pace one would use when going to work - not too fast. It seems, from your description, that the house is unchanged. It is on the corner of Schoeman and Beckett Street. The tennis court is still there and the garage (double) at the end of the drive which passes the front door and is shaded by jacaranda trees. There is a hedge all round so that it is a bit difficult to see properly, but I noticed lovely smooth green lawns and a number of roses - also dahlias and frangipani. The place looks very well kept, is old with wide verandahs - I'm not sure what age but it has those timber verandah posts like a lot of old Pretoria houses and is rather attractive (Walter has just come in and says that he thinks it would have been built round about the Anglo-Boer war period). I did not measure the land but think it would be  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 acre. If you would like proper measurements I could find out very quickly from the City Council office; and if you would like a photograph or two I could go in and ask permission to take them. The place is not very far from us.

We are looking forward to the end of the book, not only so that we can read it but also so that you will have the free time to come and address a meeting in Pretoria. Your presence is urgently needed to pep up these conservative Whites. When fundraising the other day Walter and Maritz got R10 from an Indian who said after making sure that you were still in the Party "Alan Paton is worth a fiver any day"!

Regards from all of us to you and Mrs Paton,  
Yours sincerely,

*Adelaine*