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Ms J.P. Duggan,
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Dear Ms Duggan,

My apologies for the long delay in replying to your letter of 24th June.

I have some excuse up to the middle of July, because I was away, but not much of a one after that.

I at last got around last night to unearthing the correspondence with Wits over the Liberal Party documents. I see that the extent of our obligation to them was to allow them to house a microfilm of the documents which was done by the S.A. Institute of Race Relations when they were still doing that kind of thing. Wits has to get my permission before releasing the microfilm to anyone.

All the original documents -- about ten steel trunks full -- are still in my hands, although at the moment they are with an ex-Liberal Party member of the University staff here in Pietermaritzburg who is supposed to be writing a history of the Party. I would like to discuss with Alan Paton the final destination of these papers before making any final commitment about them. We might also have to talk to some of our Johannesburg people, who made the original arrangement with the Institute and Wits, before a final decision is taken. Personally, I would prefer you to have them if you want them.

As regards the document Jean Hill spoke about, you are very welcome to copy it, and I will try to bring it with me when I next come to Durban. It is pretty tatty. I could talk to you then about my own "papers", if, indeed, they qualify to be called anything as grand as that.

Yours sincerely,

P.M. Brown.