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The Bishop of Stepney,
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Dear Trevor,

I have with regret decided not to give the book to the S.P.C.K. Even if the Rev. Michael Maasdorp were to come here, I doubt if I would take kindly to any suggestions for a considerable amount of shortening. The book has been read by Canon Goldie, Tony Morphet of the University of Natal, David Welsh of the University of Cape Town, and my son Jonathan. We are all agreed more or less about the cuts that should be made, but they would not even amount to 10,000 words. I may tell you, though perhaps I should not, that in my opinion the book is as good as "Hófmáyr".

In the meantime I have written to Leo Marquard for his advice. The O.U.P., Jonathan Cape, William Collins, and now Sprocas, have all at one time or another asked to publish the book. I think it would be too big for Sprocas, and I don't fancy the O.U.P. now that Leo Marquard and David Philip have left it. This may mean unfortunately that you and Michael will not see the typescript until it reaches its final form. Michael would not mind this, and I don't really think you would either. The book is very complimentary to you both. All this will mean a bit of a delay, but it can't be helped.

Yours ever,