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My dear Alan,

Very many thanks indeed for your letter of November 11th. I enormously look forward to reading the book and I hope it won't be too long (in arrival, not length of words!). You can rely on me to do everything humanly possible with Billy Collins for I really do think it could be an enormously important book. Failing Collins, I do know the Managing Director of Hodder and Stoughton very well for he was, in fact, the editor who published that masterpiece to which you refer!

I will go on thinking about the title because I don't really think you have sufficient imagination in this field! I think you will agree that the difference between 'Cry the Beloved Country' and 'Naught for your Comfort' indicates the kind of qualities one needs.

Seriously, I do think the question of title is terribly important and at the back of my mind there is one which I hope will emerge eventually, and which would bring home the idea of Geoffrey Clayton as the personification of wise and powerful pastoral care with its consequences in the South African situation. A Scriptural text might well be the right answer, with a subtitle.

Anyhow, I must look forward to getting the book and I do hope you will have a very happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Yours affectionately,

+ Trevor Cr.