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Dear Mr. Paton,

thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 13th September; when I received it, I immediately wrote to Karridene for accommodation, and they have now replied that they can take us from the 27th October to the 10th November. We shall be very glad if you will come to see us there, or if it is more convenient, we could meet you half-way down the coast as we are taking our small car with us.

The very day when I received your letter I also obtained a copy of your book which happened to be available from that very day - and whether it is now safe for me or not to begin the translation, I simply have to because it will not leave me alone. One of my friends in Germany, an author himself, is negotiating on my behalf; I understand they are having difficulties with paper supplies and foreign currency, - if this is going to delay the publication very much, I am going to try one or two Swiss publishing houses.

I am very glad of the good reception of your book in the English papers here, - unfortunately I have not been able to get hold of an Afrikaans review as I don't read the Afrikaans press very regularly. No doubt you will be able to tell me all about that when we meet.

Yours sincerely,

H. Hackel.