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P. O. ANERLEY,
South Coast,
Natal.
South Africa.

23rd August, 1948.

Sir Alexander Korda,
London Film Productions Ltd.,
146 Piccadilly,
LONDON W1

Dear Sir Alexander,

Since I last heard from you I have left the Public Service, uprooted myself from the Diepkloof Reformatory where I was for so many years and have moved to a little place called Anerley, which is on the Natal South Coast, about 70 miles south of Durban.

At present I am engaged in replying to the innumerable letters that I have received in connection with the book. I shall have to solve the problem of keeping pace with this kind of correspondence at the same time as trying some creative writing. It would be quite possible, I find, to spend most of one's time writing about the book that has already been written instead of writing something more.

I have heard from Maxwell Anderson and he has very thoughtfully written to inquire whether I mind his making this change or that, though, of course, he is under no obligation to do this. He had hoped to produce in the American fall, but I have not heard lately whether he thinks he will be able to do this. In any case I am not at all disturbed that you are in no great hurry to make the film for I am getting impatient to write something new.

The book should be published by Jonathan Cape on or about September 27. I neglected to answer your question as to whether you could be of service but as a matter of fact all arrangements had been concluded by them. I trust, however, that when our business relations really begin you will find me a model correspondent.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Alan Paton