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Dear Mr. Paton:-

I am so glad that you asked Aubrey Burns to come to New York to meet us and discuss your contracts. If you could not be here yourself we couldn't have had a better double for you. We all liked Mr. Burns very much and I feel better now knowing that he has read and discussed the Maxwell Anderson contracts with both Mr. Anderson and Mr. Freedman.

As Mr. Burns has cabled and written you, we were able to clear up some of the points in the contract that bothered you. The increase in the percentage from 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  percent to 15 percent was volunteered by Mr. Anderson, as you know from Mr. Burns. We are all happy and now are hoping and praying that the play will be all that we think it will be.

As arranged with Mr. Burns, we retyped pages 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, incorporating the revised clauses. I sent these pages out to Mr. Burns first for his okay, as I wanted to make sure that the language we used clearly stated his understanding of these revisions. A letter received from Mr. Burns today says:

"The revised pages incorporate accurately and clearly the modifications which were agreed upon, and I see no reason why they should not be forwarded for substitution in the way that you suggest."

So, I am sending you herewith the substitute pages 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, which you can insert in the three copies of the contract I sent to you on March 25th. Please initial each page. I mailed you the membership blank for you to sign so that you can join the Dramatists Guild. Please return this signed application.

After Maxwell Anderson has signed the Dramatization Agreement and it has been filed with the Dramatists Guild, we will return a duly executed copy for your files.

As Mr. Meyer has probably written you, Scribners and the Playwrights Company have sent out their release about CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY to all of the papers throughout the country and I am sure that they have mailed you a copy, but I am enclosing a copy herewith as you might like to have an extra one. Sir Alexander Korda will be in New York tomorrow. I will send you the picture

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contracts soon. Best wishes, *Annie Laurie Williams*