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Mr. Alan Paton
P. O. Anerley
South Coast
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Dear Mr. Paton:

This is to say thank you for doing both a good and a fast job on the current state of South African literature.

We reversed the order of your essay, leaving the first paragraph as it was, and then going directly into your comments on the state of South African writing. We put the notes about American books at the end. We did this only because your comments on South African writing were so good that we did not want them to be buried.

Again, many thanks and if at any time you would care to write for us again—on any subject—please let me know.

Sincerely,

Herbert Lyons
Herbert Lyons
Acting Editor

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I find, on rereading, that this note doesn't convey the full extent of my enthusiasm and gratitude! I feel it even if I can't express it.

H.L.