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Mr. Alan Paton
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Dear Alan:

I take pleasure in telling you today we have had word from the Reader's Digest that they are going to exercise their option and will use **TOO LATE THE PHALAROPE** in their winter Condensed Books coming out probably in January.

You will recall I told you if the book were taken the guarantee against royalties would be \$25,000. They paid \$5000 for the option, half of which was credited to your account. They will now pay the balance of \$20,000 on or about January 15, 1954.

The royalty on this book won't be determined until the make up of the volume is completed.

The royalty rate per volume depends on the amount that is used in each book and of course your book being as small as it is will in condensed form be a small part of the volume.

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At the end of the year they take the exact figures of distribution of the four volumes issued and then pro rate the royalty to be based on circulation accordingly. In any case, you are sure of the \$12,500 as your share of the guarantee and it is perfectly possible and likely there will be something more coming on this which won't be paid until sometime early in 1955.

Congratulations to you and Dorrie on the PHALAROPE and its acceptance everywhere. You must be very happy about it as we are. With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Whitney Darrow