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Mr A. Paton,
23 Lynton Road,
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Natal.

Dear Mr Paton,

Having seen and greatly enjoyed Sponono, I wonder whether you and Krishna Shah had considered publishing it. We have recently begun (in London) a new series, Three Crowns Books, of which the first titles to appear are A DANCE OF THE FORESTS and THE LION AND THE JEWEL by Wole Soyinka, a Nigerian dramatist, and SEVEN AFRICAN WRITERS; to come is Mary Benson's LUTULI. Your play might well fit into this series.

On the other hand we do not wish to tread on the toes of Jonathan Cape, whom we represent here. It is for you to decide who should have first option, if you have not already made arrangements for publication.

We look forward to seeing the Hofmeyr biography. Although Leo Marquard has retired, he is still with us, I am thankful to say, as an adviser. He would naturally be asked to help with your book.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

David Philip

EDITORIAL MANAGER

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PS. Leo Marquard has just phoned me about your letter, to which I shall be replying separately.

