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Mr Alan Paton,
New Magoebaskloof Hotel,
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HOFMEYR

Dear Alan,

It is very odd that yours of 28 April, which crossed mine of 27 April, should have raised the problem of the Scroppie van Hulsteyn story as mine did, and that we should both have decided independently that the end of the MS should stand as it is. Now the Scroppie story is back in your court.

I do not positively thirst for the other two Appendixes if you think they are unnecessary; let's not have them.

The dedication to Peter Brown is noted. An admirable person to dedicate your book to, if I may say so. I wish he would write a book for us.

We received yesterday two photographs, one of HOFFIE with another chap, in camping clothes, the other of HOFFIE with a whole lot of other chaps in camping clothes. Could you let us have captions for these and for any others as you send them to us? By the way, it is better to address such material to the Editorial Manager rather than to individuals. For instance, James Currey (to whom they were addressed) is away for six weeks, and when the Edgar Brookes illustrations arrived we were not sure if they were for HOFMEYR or for The New African.

It is a great pity that we shall not be seeing

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you in Durban. I had already thought that you might like to open our book exhibition for us at the University of Natal. You will be interested to hear that there is a special poster about your book, with a blurb and with galley page 1 to titillate everyone's curiosity.

With good wishes to you both for your holiday,

Yours sincerely,

DAVID

C.H. Philip
Editorial Manager

(Dictated but not signed
owing to absence) *Dw.*