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Mr Alan Paton,
23 Lynton Road,
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Natal.

HOFMEYR
Yours of 2 May

Dear Alan,

I agree about the two points you made concerning my piece for the Autumn List. There are a few other infelicities ~~some~~ also that I shall try to tie up when it comes to compiling the blurb. I shall also see what we can use of Scott Haigh's feature. As I arrived back from Durban only on Monday I feel this must wait.

I shall try to say more about what we think of the book, though much of this is implied already in what I have written. It probably is fair to say that the Oxford University Press tends to play it cool in its blurbs. We are not less concerned about selling our books than other publishers are, but many of the people who buy our books are fairly canny about distinguishing between what a book is about and what the publisher says about the book.

Your replies to my final niggles were appreciated. May I say now that I have greatly enjoyed our discussions on all these points of detail, in which you have been most co-operative.

Your chapter titles I shall consider when reading through the galley proofs.

In our exhibition at Rhodes, Fort Hare, Pietermaritzburg, and Durban, much interest was excited by the

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announcement of your book for publication in October, and
by galley proofs page 1.

With good wishes, to you both,

Yours sincerely,

David Philip

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