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Mr A. Paton,
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Paton : HOFMEYR

Dear Alan,

The Publisher, John Brown, has sent a complimentary copy to Albert King. Apparently he told an Oxford Mail reporter that he was hurt that he had not been sent a presentation copy. I cannot find that you at any stage asked us to send a copy to him, but perhaps you sent one of your own accord and he has not received it.

Even if you never intended that he should receive a copy, I cannot see that he is justified in positively expecting a free copy and in therefore being hurt by not getting one. Just as it was impossible for you to mention in your preface the names of all the people who have been helpful, it was also impossible for you to send all of them complimentary copies.

Yours sincerely,

Dear David,

I must say I didn't feel an obligation to send King a complimentary copy, but I am glad John Brown has done so. Many people helped me with material for the book, & had I given each a copy, it would have been a bit much.. well it can't be helped now.

Thank you for the congratulations. On this occasion I have to speak for 10 mins on 'Writing in SA'. How do you interpret that title? Your view would be helpful to me, & if

David

EDITORIAL MANAGER

you like to end with the speech that would be even better. I had a very generous letter from Secretary today.