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Mr Alan Paton,
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South Coast.

Dear Alan,

On a recent postcard you mentioned that Scribners did not wish to forego the biography. I don't know exactly how much of a nuisance (or a help) that may be. There is, of course, a fair amount of time but I think I had better write to Cumberlege about it to find out what the procedure is. I suppose you have no objections?

I presume that your original contract was with Scribners and that Cape took over British rights? Or did Cape publish separately? If the latter, then I should think it would mean that we could publish everywhere except in U.S.A. But, of course, we should have to come to some arrangement with Scribners about that.

I should be very glad if you would tell me as much as I need to know about your actual agreement with Scribners and Cape. Are you both legally and morally bound to offer Scribners your next book? What is the relationship between Scribners and Cape/in regard to CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY?

I liked your article on Smuts in the Forum very much indeed and saw bits of the Hoffie biography sticking out of it.

Yours as ever,