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Dear Mr. Paton:

I should let you know that I finished work on the critical study Alan Paton for Twayne's World Author Series in December, and that the book has now gone on into the process of publication. Professor Joseph Jones of Texas, a general editor for the series, has told me that he has written you a note to say it has gone through his hands. It may appear late this year; but I understand the process for the series is slow and it could be later.

I saw Maurice Crain and Annie Laurie Williams in New York. They are very pleasant people and I was able to persuade Mr. Crain that The Long View is really yours, and that any income beyond a reasonable estimate of expenses should go to you. I think the "division" we agreed on will accomplish this purpose, and I am quite happy with it.

I have been working on The Long View with the aim of arranging the pieces so that a reader could follow them sequentially with a minimum of editorial interference. I believe I have accomplished this now for the first two groups of essays--those from 1958 and 1960. I have modified the original outline for Part One as follows (I will comment on exclusions and possible inclusions further on):

The Long View

Part One

- I. Prologue: A Deep Experience
- II. The Non-Racial Spirit
  1. Contact and the Liberal Party: Towards a Non-Racial Democracy (L.V. No. 1, Feb. 8, 1958)
  2. A Calm View of Change (L.V. No. 5, April 5, 1958)
  3. Liberals and the United Party (on Sir DeVilliers Graaf). (L.V. No. 4, March 22, 1958)

4. Liberals and the Nationalist Party (L.V. No. 6, April 19, 1958)
5. Non-Racialism in a Racial Society (L.V. No. 7, May 3, 1958)  
(This group has a unified theme -- the 1958 elections -- and belong to the period while Mr. Strijdom was Prime Minister. I have moved the original group III on the Racial Spirit further back so that they can come more properly in a chronological sequence after Dr. Verwoerd became Prime Minister; and I have brought up the pieces on African and Indian life and combined them in the new III)

### III. The Substance of Apartheid

1. The State Must Not Run the Universities (L.V., No. 14, May 31, 1958)
2. The Charleston Story (excerpt) -- see below
3. The Wages of the Poor (L.V. No. 18, October 1958)
4. The People Wept (excerpt)
5. The Racial Juggernaut Moves on Indians (L.V., No. 11, June 28, 1958)
6. The Group Areas Act Cruelty to Indians is Unchristian (L.V. No. 14, August 9, 1958)

### IV. The Racial Spirit

1. An Open Letter to the Prime Minister (L.V., No. 17, Sept. 20, 1958)
2. Verwoerd's Claim to Divine Guidance... (L.V. No. 19, Oct. 18, 1958)
3. The Spirit of Christianity (tentative title only) (L.V. No. 3, March 8, 1958). This is the piece on the new Archbishop of Capetown. It could go back to the early group from March-April 1958, but it might be put in here for contrast -- a Christian view differing from that described in 2. "Verwoerd's Claim ....")
4. Some Queer People in the Cabinet (on Albert Hertzog) (L.V. II, No. 1, January 10, 1959)

### V. Liberals and Others

1. Salute to the Brave (on Christopher Gell -- should follow extract from The People Wept) (L.V. No. 10, June 14, 1958)
2. Liberalism and Totalitarianism (on the Cape Argus) (L.V. No. 22, November 1958)
3. Michael Scott (L.V. No. 23, November 29, 1958)
4. The Accra Conference (L.V. No. 24, Dec. 27, 1958)

### VI. Epilogue: The Days of White Supremacy Are Over. (L.V. II, No. 2, January 1959)

You will notice that this suggests including an excerpt from The Charleston Story that I have not previously mentioned to you. My reasons for proposing an excerpt at this point

include:

1. It is informative on the work of the Liberal Party among Africans.
2. Several L.V. pieces in the group following refer to "African freeholders" and even specifically to African freeholders in northern Natal. An excerpt here would clarify these.
3. It would also help to clarify subsequent references to the Urban Areas Act and the Group Areas Act.
4. It would be good to have another piece specifically dealing with the situation of Africans.

I suggest an excerpt from The Charleston Story consisting of the following:

1. The Introduction, pages 1 to 4.
2. The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs on page 5.
3. The 1st and 2nd paragraphs on page 7.
4. The 1st paragraph on page 10 (The correspondence between the Liberal Party and the Chief Native Commissioner could be summarized in a note or appendix)
5. The 1st and 2nd paragraphs on page 13.
6. Page 18, and the 1st paragraph on page 19
7. From last paragraph beginning on page 20 to end of page 21.

(This would equate to about seven pages for the excerpt.) Please let me know if you agree to having this excerpt included.

While I am at it I should describe the excerpt from The People Wept:

1. Introductory, pages 1 to 3
2. The Indian People, pages 6 (last half) to 8.
3. Possibly also the Conclusion, Chapter VII, pages 43-44 omitting the 1st sentence in italics.

I realize this omits the specific instances of individual suffering that provide the substance of The People Wept, but L.V., No. 11, June 28, 1958, "The Racial Juggernaut moves on Indians" includes the story of "Mr. J." from The People Wept, and follows the excerpt.

Part One of The Long View as outlined here omits those pieces we have already corresponded about, and also L.V. 2, the second piece from Nigeria. I suggest omitting it here because it is a less powerful piece than L.V. 1, and would come between it and the four other pieces in the group to which L.V. 1 provides an excellent introduction. It could, of course, be included at some other point, or in an appendix. For similar reasons I have some reservations about including the piece on Michael Scott. As a review of A Time to Speak it doesn't have the immediacy of the other pieces to the events of 1958. On the other hand, one hesitates to exclude an essay on Michael Scott altogether. It, too, might be included in an appendix composed of essays worth having, but which do not fit in sequence.

Agreed

I have re-arranged Part Two, putting Peter Brown in front as the most suitable piece to follow an introductory note on the Emergency, 1960.

#### Part Two

- I. Prologue: A Man Called Brown L.V. III (No. 8, April 16, 1960)
- II. Crisis
  - 1. United Nations Intervention (L.V. III (No. 11, June 4, 1960)
  - 2. Our Rulers' Latest Blunder L.V. III (May 7, 1960)
  - 3. The Third Force (Keynote speech) from Contact, III (No. 12, June 18, 1960)
- III. Africa 1960
  - 1. The Congo, L.V. III (No. 15, July 30, 1960)
  - 2. The End of an Age L.V. III (No. 16, August 13, 1960)
- IV. Liberals and Progressives
  - 1. Margaret Ballinger L.V. III (May 21, 1960)
  - 2. Keep the Party Clean L.V. III (No. 13, July 2, 1960)
  - 3. Our New Bishop (Trevor Huddleston) L.V. III (No. 17, August 27, 1960).
- V. Epilogue: Freedom Award Address.

One minor question on Part Two. The first L.V. of the 1960 series replacing Peter Brown (Contact, April 16, 1960) begins: DURBAN: speaking at Long View, KLOOF, Alan Paton said, "I happened to be looking through old numbers of Contact... (the whole article continues within quotations)." The words "Long View," in this context, seem to refer to a place where you made a statement, or a speech, that was printed as L.V. III (No. 8, April 16, 1960). Is "Long View" a place or is there some error here? It might need an explanatory note.

No.

I shall send you the modified outline for Part Three shortly, so that you can have a fairly clear picture of how the book is shaping up. In the event that you should refer in your Introduction to any piece that I have thought about removing, we will, of course, put the piece back. I hope you received the copies of several Long View columns that I set you in December to complete your own holdings. If you feel that you need a complete set of all the pieces arranged in the order of the outline I could probably get a set to you in about a month. The Praeger editors think that if they could have the materials for the book delivered by April 30, they could get it out this year. April 30 is not a deadline; but an estimate of the latest date for likely publication in 1967. There is a very good chance I can meet that date if all goes well.

Yes

Mr. Alan Paton

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I hope you are keeping well. I have seen an Associated Press report concerning Pro Veritate; but not the full details yet.

Kind regards to Mrs. Paton.

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Yours sincerely,

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