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Dear Mr. Paton,

I am sorry to trouble you again with questions relating to The Long View. The publishers tell me they are working towards a November publishing date and will have to decide soon whether they should defer publication until Spring. They would therefore like to know if they could have your Introduction by September. If you feel up to supplying it by then, they will try to keep the November date. They have also told me that Archibald MacLeish has assured them that he will be of any service he can in bringing out The Long View, by which they seemed to imply that he might be willing to write an Introduction if your present circumstances prevented you from providing them with one. (They have apparently already decided on a dust jacket with your photograph on the back, and an excerpt from Archibald MacLeish's address at Freedom House 1960, on the front.)

I have also just received from them a new proposed arrangement of the materials. I enclose a copy here. I think this arrangement is in many respects preferable to mine, except that it eliminates the parallel stages in the affairs of the Liberal Party that I tried to reflect. My inclination is to do it their way with as little modification as possible, unless you have a decided preference.

I hope you received the parcel of materials I sent you about the end of April. I am sending you a copy of my essay "Alan Paton and the Liberal Party," that is to form part of the book. Should you have time to look through it, I would appreciate any suggestions for deletions or additions you would like to see made in it. The concluding "Note on Contact," may be removed to an Appendix. I have completed most of the necessary notes including brief biographical sketches of individual persons like Margaret Ballinger, Albert Luthuli, and Trevor Huddleston. (The publishers seem to feel that all names of persons, places, and things should have identifying notes for the American reader.) There is one item I still need -- the name of the newspaper where "Dr. Verwoerd, A Liberal Assessment," first appeared, and, if you can remember it, the date.

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I am fully aware that you are unlikely to be in a position to attend to these tasks related to The Long View, and I am very reluctant to add to your burdens. If you would rather have someone like Archibald MacLeish undertake the Introduction, please let me know. Leslie Rubin might be willing to do it, but I expect the publishers would prefer someone better known to them.

I hope that there has been some consoling progress in Mrs. Paton's state of health and that you are given the strength to bear up under the stress of the present time.

With every best wish.

Yours sincerely,


Edward Callan

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