Saint Ann's Church (THE DIOCESAN CHURCH) OFFICE OF THE RECTOR 131 Clinton Street Brooklyn Heights 1, New York Clerical Staff TELEPHONES: OFFICE: TRIANGLE 5-6960 CANON MELVILLE HARCOURT RECTORY: MAIN 4-0866 Rector and Bishop's Vicar CANON ALBERT J. DUBOIS THE REV. JOHN C. SMITH June 9, 1959 Curate A. S. Paton, Esq. University of Nepal Nepal, Union of So. Africa Dear Mr. Paton: I am wondering if you received my recent letter inviting you to make a contribution to a book which Hawthorn Books (Prentice-Hall) and myself, as editor, contemplate producing early next year? In case you did not receive my original communication I am taking the liberty of enclosing a facsimile which will explain the nature of the project. We are most anxious to hear a voice from South Africa and feel that yours from our point of view, is most representative. My old friend, Tubby Clayton, whom you know I believe, has told me of your labours for Toc H and other Christian agencies in your part of the world, and in this country your books have made you known to a large number of people. We feel that you would deal most fairly and adequately with a personality like Trevor Huddleston, but perhaps you feel that there is a more representative Christian figure in contemporary Africa with which you would prefer to deal? If you are agreeable to make a contribution — and the publishers and myself sincerely hope you will - we would be most willing to accept your own choice. However, for the purposes of assembling the various material from the contributing authors it would be most helpful to get your answer as soon as possible. I'm not sure that we had an entirely accurate address for the last communication but I have got in touch with the South African Consulate for directions. I realize that you must have many requests but I have been encouraged to approach you because the article, which will touch on - 1 -

problems on which you have written so eloquently, is relatively short and is not required to be in New York until the late Fall.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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M. Harcourt

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23 Lynton Road, KLOOF, Natal, South Africa. 29th June, 1959.

Dear Canon Harcourt,

My husband is away from home at present and I am unable to say whether or not he received your letter of May 14, a copy of which you enclosed with your letter of June 9.

He has many commitments at the moment and I do not know if he will be able to comply with your request, but I shall write and ask him and let you have his reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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23 Lynton Road, KLOOF, Natal, South Africa. 28th July. 1959.

Dear Canon Harcourt,

In reply to your letter of June 9 I must explain to you that I misread your letter, and thinking that a vignette would hardly run to 6,000 words, I wrote a sketch of Fr. Trevor Huddleston of approximately 2,500 words. However, I would be willing to try something more ambitious, but in that case, I would like you, as editor, to let me know what you think should be contained in the contribution. As soon as I receive more specific indications from you I shall get to work on the article. Please remember I am not a theologian.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I do not know whether Nepal has a university, but it is certainly not in **Satth**. Affithink Lythink you meant Natal.

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