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TO

Dear Alan,

Just my annual note. How are things? As you know I'm out of Trumbull Park. I have written the enclosed novel about the place. I hope you like it. You are the one who suggested I write about it, remember?

Things are much better in Trumbull now, although the surcease is more the result of mutual exhaustion than reconciliation.

My family is coming right along. Evelyn and the kids are strong and healthy and much, much happier now that we're out of the "jungle".

I hope you do find time to write me. There are so many things I like to discuss with you. So many years to assess.

I will never forget the comfort you were to all of us in Trumbull Park at a time when we needed it badly. A very Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Do write.

Your friend,
Frank
Frank London Brown

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PS. I'm an Associate Editor at
EBONY MAGAZINE, now.

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4th February, 1959.

Dear Frank,

I am looking forward to reading your novel, but I would just like you to know that I have an unbreakable rule that I do not comment on novels or review them, for the simple reason that it leads to a great deal of dishonest reviewing, enmity, squabbling, and so on. Now in your case I have made an exception. I am going to try and give an honest review of the book. I am bound to be emotionally in its favour, but nevertheless I will be able to consider the question of novel structure very dispassionately, so I am hoping your novel is well constructed too.

I am glad to hear that the children are strong and healthy, and your wife Evelyn as well. It must have been a hard time, and you all deserve to have a rest.

Hurry up and send me that book.

Yours ever,

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