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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 28, 1966

Mr. Alan Paton
c/o Mr. William Toomey
Consulate General
Durban, South Africa

Dear Mr. Paton:

I just want to let you know once again what a great pleasure it was for Mrs. Kennedy and me to see you during our visit to South Africa.

The entire trip throughout South Africa was of course an exciting one, but the discussion we had at dinner in Durban was for me personally among the most interesting parts of it. The meeting which followed it at the University was also most stimulating, though I am sure as you went in with us you were no more certain than I if the stimulation was to be athletic or intellectual. Having survived that together I have little doubt we can handle the rest of our problems.

It is a source of real pleasure for Mrs. Kennedy and myself to have had the opportunity to see you as it will be for each of our children to have the books you signed for them.

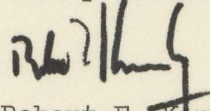
I would like to hear from you occasionally on affairs in Africa if that is possible. I am sending you some books which perhaps you have read but, which I thought you might like to have.

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We look forward to seeing you again, and I hope in the meantime if there is anything I can do that you think would be helpful that you will not hesitate to let me know.

Warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RFK', written in a cursive style.

Robert F. Kennedy

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HICKORY HILL

1147 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD

MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Dear Mr. Paton -

We have just returned home to the children and how wonderful for us to be able to tell them of an evening spent with you.

I shall always be grateful to you for the statement we read in the papers, as we left your beleaguered country for Kenya, about the importance of our visit.

Having spent many delightful hours immersed in your soaring prose, we felt enormously privileged to have dinner with you and so relished the conspiratorial tone of the rendezvous in the hotel. I loved our evening spree through the streets of Durban and your cogent remark about its being the first time the government ever escorted you anywhere, that they usually followed you. It was a further delight to make our way through the friendly crowds of students with a stout-hearted hero and the champion of ideals that your country will one day realize, because of the courage and dreams of leaders like you.

All the members of the family were thrilled and enormously grateful for your generous gesture of signing your books. We so look forward to seeing you next year

HICKORY HILL
1147 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

and we will be watching your beloved country
with keen interest.

With warm wishes and great admiration

From your friend
Ethel Kennedy

Mrs. Robert Kennedy

Mr. Alan Paton
Durban, South Africa

HYANNIS PORT
MASSACHUSETTS

July 28, 1966

Dear Mr. Paton:

Thank you very much for the book, TOO LATE THE PHALAROPE, which you autographed for me and which Ethel and Bob gave me on their return home from Africa.

I read the story and enjoyed it tremendously. Pieter's character was delineated so skillfully that, even though I realized that he had to be condemned, still I was deeply conscious of his anguish and sympathetic towards him and his family.

My children were most enthusiastic about their visit to Africa and they are eager to return.

I hope, dear Mr. Paton, to have the pleasure of meeting you on some future date. My best wishes to you.

Very sincerely,

Rose Kennedy

Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy

Mr. Alan Paton
c/o Mr. Wayne Fredericks
State Department
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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August 19, 1966

Dear Mr. Paton,


I just want to let you know how much I enjoyed having the opportunity to see you at dinner in Durban.

I know it was an effort for you to be there and I appreciate your making it possible for us to get together. I thought it was extremely pleasant and, for me personally, especially helpful. The chance to spend some time talking with you was for me one of the most interesting parts of my visit to your country. The work you are doing is a source of great encouragement to all of us. I hope we will have a chance to see one another again soon.

If there is anything which you feel I could do that would be helpful, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know. Mrs. Kennedy joins me in sending you our warm regards.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Robert F. Kennedy

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October 6, 1966

Dear Mr. Paton:

I just wanted you to know how much I appreciated your letter of September 19. It was a pleasure hearing from you.

The reason the books are delayed is because they are being bound -- but I hope they will get to you soon. In the meantime, again, my thanks for taking the time to write, and my best regards,

Sincerely,

My best to you
Bob Kennedy

Bob Kennedy
Robert F. Kennedy

Mr. Alan Paton
23 Lynton Road
KLOOF
Natal, SOUTH AFRICA

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23 Lynton Road,
Kloof, Natal.
3rd November, 1966.

Dear Senator Kennedy,

I had lunch yesterday with Bill Toomey and we talked about you a good deal. I have not yet received the books, but I am not writing about them.

I am writing to ask whether you received a copy of Meditation for a Young Boy Confirmed which I especially wanted you and Mrs. Kennedy to have.

I had a visit yesterday from the New Yorker and I told him the story of our drive to the University escorted by the police and Mrs. Kennedy asked me whether I was not used to this kind of thing, and I replied to her "They don't usually escort me - they usually follow me."

Yours sincerely,

Alan Paton

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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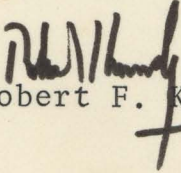
November 15, 1966

Dear Mr. Paton,

Enclosed you will find the books which I mentioned to you during our visit.

I hope you will enjoy them, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Warm regards.



Robert F. Kennedy

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Write Ethel Kennedy.
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MR ALAN PATON (M)
CARE AMERICAN EMBASSY DURBAN

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