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Alan Paton Esq.,
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Kloof,
Natal,
South Africa.

Dear Mr. Paton,

This is just a line to say I have received your Introduction to Brief Authority and read through it with great pleasure. I have only two small suggestions to make:

p. 2 at the end of paragraph 1 "... the disintegration of the Bafurutse life" I suggest adding "which is the subject of this book."

p.4. Paragraph starting "One cannot read this part of the story without pain." It looks to me as though this paragraph follows a cut in the original draft. The contrast is somewhat sharp and in consequence the meaning is not immediately apparent. Would the following redraft of the paragraph ~~be~~ what you want?

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"One cannot read this part of the story without pain. Only a handful of Europeans stuck to the Hoopers in this hostile town. Why these few Anglicans did so is not easy to understand; it was not because they themselves had rejected the colour-bar. Their loyalty was sweet because it was the loyalty of those who do not agree. But it would have been a comfort to have the loyalty of one white person who did; however, there was none."

I am sure that you put a great deal of work into this introduction, and I know that it will be of great value to the book. Would you feel that a fee of fifteen guineas is reasonable?

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonham Carter

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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal, South Africa.

9th March, 1960.

Dear Mr. Carter,

Thank you for your letter of February 23. I have no objection to the suggested alterations you mention.

I would be very glad to receive a fee of fifteen guineas, and hope that the book will be successful.

Yours sincerely,

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