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Dear Mr. Laxness:

I hasten to reply to your kind letter of April 10th just received. I think you have been very gracious in all of these hemmings and hawings of the BMC people, and I am glad to confirm what I cabled you namely, their final decision is to make no cuts in the text at all but to print the book complete. This is what I felt they should always have done and so I think we are both to be congratulated.

They have not yet decided when the book will be used so we have not been able to establish a publication date. But we have completed the binding of our first edition of seven thousand five hundred copies and the author's copies have been sent to Unwin's New York agent, so I fancy they will in due course be reaching you.

I can understand how you feel about royalties and just want to be sure you realize that we do not make payments direct to Unwin but to his New York agent, Messrs. Curtis Brown, Ltd., 347 Madison Avenue.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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