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## To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is an expression of my admiration for Mr. Dean Arnold's film script based on the dynamic friendship between C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien.

Mr. Arnold gave a reading of his script for six members of the Oxford University C. S. Lewis Society and seven guests on Tuesday, 20 March 2007, here at Magdalen College where Lewis studied, wrote, and taught for so much of his career. The audience that evening included a retired editor from Oxford University Press, an American professor of Medieval English, graduate students of theology and philology, and local freelance writers—overall, a crowd which demanded a high level of linguistic and historical accuracy, as well as faithfulness to the Inklings' legacy. Mr. Arnold's script met our high standards.

I, like many others, was sincerely impressed. The plot and characterizations hold together very well. Mr. Arnold has obviously invested an enormous amount of research into this project. Significant historical details are clearly represented, and yet the script remains safely in the domain of a well-crafted drama without seeming like a documentary.

A lively discussion followed the reading and continued for more than four hours. In the end, people were still reluctant to leave. The story of Lewis and Tolkien's friendship, in the form of a drama for the screen, clearly touched a chord.

The officers of the Oxford University C. S. Lewis Society and I are pleased to endorse Mr. Arnold's creative work, and we look forward to supporting his project in the future.

With gratitude for your attention,

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