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Dear Bernth,

Thank you very much for your letter of 1 October 1992 inviting me to contribute to your and Reinhard Sander's Dictionary of Literary Biography. Yes, I am willing to write the piece on Dambudzo Marechera. Though I must add that \$100 is very little for somebody like myself who does not have a post to feed her. I will be able to supply you with photos and/or other memorabilia. You will see a big section in the Marechera Source Book which Hans Zell is about to send to you. You might choose something from there.

Yes, I am still in Zimbabwe; we will be returning to Germany around April next year. My address there: Abeggstr. 14, 62 Wiesbaden. Here in Zimbabwe I have now a fax - same number as my telephone.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you for a favour concerning RAL. Of course I was very shocked by the news of Richard Bjornson's sudden death. I had met him in Harare in February this year when he attended the UNESCO literature conference. We had long conversations and he was very interested in my Marechera work. He asked me to write a piece on Marechera and the work of the Marechera Trust for RAL, as information for researchers. I submitted this around the time of his death, not yet knowing about it then. The same happened with my article on Chenjerai Hove's *Bones* which after general acceptance but suggestions for revision from readers I had revised and submitted for publication. Now I would very much like to know what is happening with these two articles, especially the *Bones*-piece because I have spent a lot of work on it. If it is not going to be published in RAL, I would like to know soon to be able to submit it somewhere else. So my question is whether you could find out for me and let me know what the state of affairs is in that matter.

Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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March 11, 1993

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Dear Bernth,

Thank you very much for your letter of 25 February and note of 2 March with the Marechera entries. I am in the middle of writing my piece for DLB and hope to send it to you in about a month's time.

Have you checked the bibliography in my Marechera Source Book (the one published by Hans Zell) against your references? I think there are quite a few that you have not listed. Concerning primary sources, for instance, you have only listed the one article by Marechera "The African Writer's Experience of European Literature", not the other one in the same issue of ZAMBEZIA (my entry number 17). In case you need copies of any of the items, let me know. There is a small typing error in your entry 10498. It must be: Reddy, Govin - not Govind. I also enclose a list of references which are not included in my bibliography.

From your entries 1987 - 1991, I would like to get copies of the following:

- Anon. Werke Afrikanischer Autoren....
 - Haresnape, Geoffrey, "Notes"...
 - Ikahkweazu, Edith, "The Image of the City..."
 - Omole, Olukayode, "Linguistic Experimentation..."
- I would be very grateful if you could send me those whenever you find the time.

A friend in the States (Pat Alden) gave me the following reference which I do not know:

Obradovic, N, "The Black Insider", World Literature Today, 1991, V65, N3, P. 538.

Do you have it or could obtain it and also send me a copy, please?

Have you got my other book published by Hans Zell last year, *Teachers, Preachers, Non-Believers*? And what about

my *Survey of Zimbabwean Writers* that Eckhard Breitingger published following your suggestion. Has it reached you?

By the way, both my Hans Zell books are just about to come out in Zimbabwe with local publishers the Marechera book with University Publications and Teachers, Preachers... with Baobab.

I am leaving Zimbabwe mid-May but will be in touch with you before that.

Best wishes,

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April 1, 1993

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Dear Bernth,

I hope you don't mind if enclosed I send you the draft of the bibliographical items for my Marechera article for DLB because I am not sure if I am doing everything as you want it.

Could you please check the style generally. Apart from that I have the following queries:

- 1) OTHER: - should I mention where things were first published, like in *Zambezia*, or not?
- you have a copy of my *Source Book* - do you think I should include more primary sources from there such as all Marechera's book reviews and articles, i. e. documents 81, 82, 110 - 113?
- 2) Do I always have to repeat in full the details for my *Source Book* which appears very frequently as many of the sources mentioned are published in it? A Zimbabwean edition of it has just now appeared as well with University Publications. Do I have to mention this as well and if so, where?

Concerning the text, I have one other question of style: The novel-like piece "The Black Insider" was published as the major piece of the book *The Black Insider* which contains also three short stories and a few poems. When I talk about it in my text, I am referring not to the whole book but only to the title piece. Thus I put it in quotation marks and not in italics. However this might be confusing as *Black Sunlight* which I discuss at the same time is in italics.

I have my text on 3 1/2 inch disk, written with Microsoft Word 5. Should I send you this?

I would be grateful if you could reply soon, possibly by fax. We are leaving Zimbabwe on 20 May but the three weeks before that will be spent with packing etc. - so I want to send the complete article off to you by end of April.

My address in Germany: Abeggstr. 14, 6200 Wiesbaden.

Best wishes and many thanks,



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April 23, 1993

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Dear Bernth,

Please find enclosed my Marechera entry for DLB. I am sending another copy to Bruccoli Clark Layman, as requested.

Thank you for your fax of 20 April. It came just in time. I hope I got all the styles alright. Did I understand the style sheet correctly that exact sources should be added in the margin, by hand? That is what I have done. Please note that the spelling of the title of the third posthumous Marechera volume which I have compiled and added already but has not yet been published, *Scrapiron Blues*, might change. It has not yet been finalised. I will inform you about it.

I am including 7 photographs, a handwritten Marechera letter to Iris Hayter, 2 pages of his handwritten manuscript of "Fuzzy Goo" and a photo of a press cutting about the students unrests at UR in 1973 which on the photo shows Marechera. Of course there is more illustrative material in the Source Book and also in the tribute collection *Dambudzo Marechera 1952-1987* which I believe you have got. For instance, you might like to reproduce one of the fan tributes on p. 12. I think I do not have the original cuttings anymore but you could reproduce from the book. Please return what you do not need at your earliest convenience.

Please note my address in Germany - new area code from July on:
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I am also enclosing a disk formatted for Apple Mac.

I hope everything is alright.

Yours sincerely,

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May 2, 1993

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Dear Bernth,

By separate mail, through USAID, I am sending you my DLB entry. It should reach you by the end of this month. Because of the photographs it is safer to send it with them.

Yesterday I got your Arts and Africa item on Marechera - I had it already but thanks a lot anyway. I never heard from you about my letter with some Marechera bibl. requests of 11 March. I enclose a copy of it in case you did not get it.

I also enclose an order list for RAL issues.

We are leaving Zimbabwe on 20 May - future correspondence to Germany, please:
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Best wishes,

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