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PROFESSOR BERNTH LINDFORS from NADINE GORDIMER

14th November, 1997

Dear Bernth,

I was in Ghana, giving the Pan African Writers Association Annual Lecture, when your kind invitation to the 24th annual conference of the ALA arrived, hence this late response. Thank you for the honour, but I regret to say that I am unable to accept since I shall be in Europe in March in connection with the publication of a new novel. These days, as you know, publishers expect one not only to write the book, but also to submit oneself to becoming a performer for readings and the media... I limit this to the least offensive obligations, but nevertheless.

I should have liked to be with friends at the ALA, in particular Chinua, whom I haven't seen for years.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,



Nadine Gordimer