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Dear Bernth Lindfors

I enclose a photograph of the South African poet, Arthur K. Nortje, for use in the Dictionary of Literary Biography volume on African and Caribbean writers.

A full account of the strange events surrounding Nortje's demise is detailed in my dissertation, *The Poetry of Arthur Nortje - A Critical Introduction*, UNISA, 1983. Arthur Nortje was last seen alive by a fellow lodger late on 8 December, 1970. His body was found in bed, lying face down in a considerable quantity of blood, on the morning of 11 December. The Post Mortem Examination*, fails to establish the time of death, which is given as 'approximately 10 December 1970'. An 'Open Verdict' was recorded for 'the evidence did not further or fully disclose the means whereby death arose'. He was buried in Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford, on 17 December 1970, the day after his 28th birthday.

(* Report of Inquisition into the death of Arthur Kenneth Nortje, Coroner: Gardiner T.H.A., Oxford, 15 December 1970: 31 December 1970.)

At present I am arranging to deposit the Nortje papers in my possession, in a South African Institution, and when a microfilm copy of the material becomes available, the University of Texas will be informed.

I thank you for your interest and trust that the photograph will be returned to me at the above address. I hope that the information will be of use to you.

Yours sincerely

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