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Prof. Landeg White
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Dear Professor White,

Reinhard Sander and I have edited two volumes of the Dictionary of Literary Biography focusing on prominent African and Caribbean authors. The first volume has just appeared, and the second will be published in January. We are now in the process of preparing a third volume that will deal with a younger set of writers and with some of the older figures we were unable to include in the earlier volume. I am writing to ask if you would be willing to prepare a biobibliographical essay of 6000-6500 words on Jack Mapanje for inclusion in this new volume. If so, we will send you detailed instructions on how your typescript should be prepared. You will be paid \$100 for your essay when the volume is published in 1994.

In order to bring this book to completion on schedule, we will need to receive your contribution to it no later than June 1, 1993. Please do not offer to write an essay if you anticipate that it will be difficult or impossible for you to meet this deadline. We are ready to provide you with whatever bibliographical assistance we can, but we will not be able to grant extensions to tardy or delinquent contributors.

Volumes in the Dictionary of Literary Biography series are handsomely illustrated with photos of the author, reproductions of book jackets and manuscript pages, and even caricatures and cartoons. If you have access to such materials and can send us copies, we would be very grateful. Any originals sent will be returned to you after we have had copies made. If any photos or caricatures are included, we will need to know the name and address of each photographer or artist so that our publisher can clear permissions with those who hold rights to these items. Also, if you happen to know the home or business address of the author you are working on, please send that to us as well, for we would like to solicit additional visual materials directly from the person on whose work you are writing.

Until 1994 you will be able to reach me at the following address:
English Department, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas 78712.

My phone numbers are 512-472-4712 (home) and 512-471-8716 or 512-471-5522 (offices), and Fax messages can be sent to me at 512-471-4909. If you are willing and able to assist us in this project, please send me your address(es) and numbers to that we'll be able to contact you easily in the coming months.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Bernth Lindfors