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February 13, 1993

Dr. Kofi Mensah
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Dear Dr. Mensah,

Reinhard Sander and I have edited two volumes of the Dictionary of Literary Biography focusing on prominent African and Caribbean authors. The first volume appeared last November, and the second will be published this April. 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 Kofi Anyidoho 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernth Lindfors".

Bernth Lindfors

February 23, 1993

Dr. A.N. Mensah
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Dear Dr. Mensah,

Thank you for agreeing to prepare an entry on Kofi Anyidoho for the third volume of the Dictionary of Literary Biography's Twentieth-Century Caribbean and Black African Writers. Please note that the entry should run between 6000 and 6500 words and should reach me by June 1st. I am enclosing:

1. a memorandum of agreement which you should sign, address and date;
2. a contributor's questionnaire which you should fill out with your addresses, phone numbers, and fax number;
3. a contributor's style sheet;
4. a sample essay from the first volume in the series.
5. a list of critical studies on Anyidoho taken from successive volumes of my bibliography, Black African Literature in English. These entries cover only until the end of 1986, but I am currently updating the bibliography to include references from 1987-1991, and I will send you a list of those new entries as soon as I can, possibly within the next few weeks.

Please return items 1 and 2 to me at your earliest convenience. If any questions arise while you are preparing your entry for the volume, do not hesitate to contact me at the address above or by phone at 512-472-4712 (home) or 512-471-5522 (office) or by fax at 512-471-4909. Please keep in mind that our deadline is 1 June 1993.

I have asked Kofi to provide you with copies of his latest volumes of verse and with whatever Ghanaian critical commentary he has available to him. I expect you'll be hearing from him soon. He'll be here in Austin from March 12th to April 4th, so if you want to get in touch with him during that period, you could fax or post letters to him at my address (be sure that my name is placed on the correspondence somewhere, so the secretaries will know to which faculty box to route it).

Thanks again for offering to join us in this project.

Sincerely yours,

Bernth Lindfors