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Mrs F Matthews  
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Dear Mrs Matthews

It has come to my notice through Donald Stuart and Leo Marquard that you are completing your late husband's autobiography. This greatly interests me, because my wife and I well remember the occasions on which we met you and him at Fort Hare on the introduction of Leo Marquard. You may remember too that a few years ago I came to see you in the Gaborone Library.

After seventeen years with the Oxford University Press Southern Africa, I set off on my own as an independent publisher just over a year ago. The attached indicates the kind of books we are publishing.

As the bulk of the sales are likely to be in South Africa, your best plan would seem to be for your husband's book to be published here with co-publishers in the UK and USA. If you have already made any arrangements with overseas publishers, we should still like to have the opportunity of considering the book for co-publication in Southern Africa.

I do not know whether the book might include quotations from books banned or persons 'suppressed' in this country. These legal problems may be insoluble but it is worth making sure that they exist or are insoluble, because the people who mostly want to read your book are here in South Africa.

I do hope we may be able to co-operate with you in the publication of such an important book.

With good wishes  
Yours sincerely

*David Philip*



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