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Dr. Hastings Vanda,
The Secretariat,
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Dear Dr. Banda,

You may remember that nearly four years ago I wrote to you asking if you had considered writing your autobiography, as I had read with such interest your profile which appeared in THE OBSERVER at that time.

Since then I have heard from Miss Jope that you have been engaged on writing your life, but I have not had recent news of it. I wanted, therefore, to reaffirm my keenness to publish it, and to ask you how you have progressed with it. You will note that I am no longer at Collins but with Rupert Hart-Davis, but the move gives me more opportunity still to give your book all the attention it deserves.

I would like to say how honoured we would be to publish your book.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Cross

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