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Dear Dr. Cruise O'Brien,

Robert Ockens has sent me a copy of your letter of 1 September 1967 commenting on Accessories After The Fact. Your very generous remarks about the book are particularly meaningful and reassuring to me. I am very grateful that you found merit in the book—there are few people whose opinion I value as highly as yours.

Some years ago, I think it was 1962, I was helped through a stay in hospital by reading To Katanga and Back, a book which I greatly admired both for itself and for more personal reasons. In my post at UN HQs (in the WHO office), I, too, had been intimately involved with the Congo, in relation to the crash medical programme which WHO initiated there at the request of the Security Council. I am so sorry that our paths did not cross in those days, when I found so few people who understood what was really going on, or who shared my dim view of the SG. I found his policy outrageous and dangerous in the extreme; and I was greatly fortified by the uncompromising and forthright account of the Katanga affair, in your book.

Perhaps we will have occasion to meet one day soon. I hope so. With warm thanks again for your recommendation of my book,

Yours faithfully,

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