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Dear Mr. Simons,

Between other things my wife finds knitting relaxing. She particularly enjoys doing things for children and making them individual. She has decided to make a blanket for the child of a black friend. Because he was given a French name, knitting that in seems inappropriate.

We would both like something characteristically or meaningfully black and individual, like the last thing she did, for a Chinese infant of a friend. There we could discuss this with the grandparents, get the correct ideography for the name, and the baby now has it in both languages, Chinese and English.

It occurred to me that Umuru or something similar in Swahili might not be inappropriate, but we know nobody who knows Swahili and we would particularly like this to be in Swahili or any other appropriate language, not English.

Can you help us get a sketch? Have you a suggestion you consider better or more appropriate? Are there any colors that may have special meaning or significance?

If you or someone you know can provide the word or any special symbol you would recommend in approximate proportion, my wife will work it out for the stitches. She has done this before, beginning with the peace symbol and into Chinese!

She would like to get this done before cold weather so the kid can use it as soon as the weather requires it. Hope you can help. Thanks either way.

And we do hope you can make it here soon.

Sincerely,

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