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My dear Miss Alcaayaga:

The Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of "Who's Who in America" - Volume 25 - a printing involving exceptional planning and preparation - is now in compilation.

During the biennia separating editions, the editors, in consultation with cooperating reference librarians, newspaper executives and other suitable advisors, make a careful selection of those judged to be of current national reference interest. The standards by which they are guided may be of interest to you - you will find them detailed in the attached leaflet.

Your name having been so selected for listing hereafter in "Who's Who", I enclose a memo-blank convenient for transmitting the usual biographical data to the editors, and which is of course restricted to your personal use.

In doing so I am, as indicated above, in effect acting in response to American reference interest. The unique position "Who's Who" holds results entirely from the fact that it has, ever since its establishment, put this characteristic American biographical reference interest first - never has a listing in it involved any obligation on the part of the woman or the man listed; and no woman, no man, has ever been listed in it except on individual invitation such as this.

And since this American reference interest is an interest which Americans who become subject to it have always considered a healthy aspect of democracy, I have no hesitation in asking your cooperation to the extent of providing the requested data, and as expediently so as may be possible, for accuracy of obvious advantage to all concerned, including yourself, is in large measure dependent on material being promptly in hand, for the editors can then arrange to have the listing prepared from your data submitted to you for checking before it is published.

Yours very truly,

Wheeler Sammons

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