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To the Family of Dr. J. H. Kwabena Nketia:

Greetings. I write as the President of the Society for Ethnomusicology to express my condolences for the loss of a truly great man. "Prof." was a genuine colleague, teacher, mentor, and friend to several generations of ethnomusicologists living and working around the world. He will be missed and thought of fondly for years to come.

When I began my own field research in Tanzania, my friends and colleagues in East Africa were proud to share with me the reports and publications on local musical traditions already issued Prof. Nketia. In many ways he both opened the doors and paved the way forward for me in my own work, and I'm sure the same is true for countless others in the field of Ethnomusicology

The Society for Ethnomusicology mourns the loss of one of its own, an intellectual giant who walked among us for many years. May his memory continue to inspire us in the future as it did during his lifetime.

Best,



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