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Dame Rebecca West,
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Dear Rebecca,

I'm sorry if it looks as if I've deserted you. I haven't! You were away the last time I rang (I hope you enjoyed your holiday), and since things here have been fairly hectic.

We've now got Antonia Fraser as our final judge, so the Booker Prize can, at long last, get into gear. The other judges are David Holloway (Literary Editor of the Daily Telegraph), Professor Richard Hoggart and Ross Higgins, a prominent Glasgow bookseller who is on one of the Scottish Art Council's Literary Panels. I hope to release this news for the Press early next week, and organize a lunch for the judges to meet each other very soon after that.

I see you are recording ~~an~~ "World of Books" programme on September 26. The BBC obviously adores you as much as the rest of us.

Take care of yourself - I hope to see you very soon.

Love,