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Dear Mr. Holloway,

Booker Prize

Thank you very much for the enormous kindness which you showed me on the telephone yesterday. A gift which I accept very gratefully!

Again I must apologize for the terribly short notice, but I think that on this occasion you understand. All the judges are able to lunch on Friday, 17 October with the exception of Ross Higgins, who hopes to meet the judges at a later date.

After I had spoken to you yesterday, I received a message from John Murphy of Bookers, saying that he felt that Mark Longman, President, should be invited even if he does not accept. This I have done. He also wished that Tom Maschler of Jonathan Cape should be invited and Lord Hardinge, and so the numbers increase! The lunch will be held at Bucklersbury House, 83 Cannon Street, London, E.C. 4 on the 12th Floor at 12.30 for 1.00. I look forward very much to seeing you then and thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards