


October 8th, 1971

John Fowles, Esq.,  


Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 7th October. I am sorry that you feel you cannot come to the dinner and I do hope that you will change your mind, but in the event that you don't I will, of course, make use of your "long-standing prior engagement".

At this stage I have no report from John Gross on the answers of the other judges but as soon as I have I will write to you, when, of course, your point about publicly announcing non-unanimity or not will be raised.

Again, I absolutely take your point about the difference between eligibility and literary excellence.

Please do not apologise for any extra work. It has been very important that the points that have been raised should have been raised.

Best wishes.

Yours,

Marilyn Edwards

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