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John Fowles, Esq.

Dear Mr. Fowles,

As we discussed on the phone yesterday I am sure a meeting of the judges will not be arranged until after the 13th of September. John Gross, who returns from vacation on 9 September will as chairman set the dates at a time which is mutually convenient. At this meeting the list will be broken down to twenty or under and at a second meeting probably in early October the short-list of six will be determined and hopefully the winner. It is hoped that the short-list will be announced at the beginning of October and the winner on 15 November. I am enclosing with this letter a novel called in by Antonia Fraser, Janice Elliott's A State of Peace and the following official entries: Susan Hill's Strange Meeting and Pauline Neville's Voyage of a Life from Hamish Hamilton, The Wall of Glass by Desmond Meiring from Hodder And Stoughton and Muriel Spark's Not To Disturb (please bear with us on the unbound proof copy of this book. I know it will be difficult to handle and probably to read as well, but to have it in before the 1 August deadline Macmillan had no other alternative.)).

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards