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Dear Eric,

Once more, by special delivery, etc. I haven't even quite made up my mind when to release it to the press - probably for Friday. I'll send the E.S. copy to John Skinner, who tells me that he is now dealing with this sort of thing for the Diary. Did you notice the reference to the Prize in the Times Diary earlier this week? Some historian (Alastair Horne to be exact) was citing it as a marvellous example of patronage to novelists. It really seems to have sunk in after not quite a year of existence!

Do phone me at home if you want to ask any question. I haven't sent you the introductory bit for the simple reason that I haven't written it yet - which is why you get an individually typed copy of everything.

One final point - Hoggart hasn't yet OK'd his notes (they come from Who's Who), but I should hear from him on Monday, and will ring him at once if anything needs altering.

Love,

JH