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Dear Mr. Longman,

Booker Press Reception - 15 January 1970

George Hardinge has sent me the enclosed possible draft outline for the speech you kindly agreed to make at the Booker Party on 15 January. He wishes me to emphasize very strongly that it is in no way an attempt to suggest what you should say, and you may very well disagree with it, or wish to speak on altogether different lines, but is simply an effort to save you time in composing a piece for the occasion!

The two points he makes at the end were in fact made by Sean Day-Lewis (Daily Telegraph) who will not be able to attend and felt they might be worth throwing to the others, but you may feel that it would be better to make such points more informally to individuals. We have had a reasonably encouraging response from the Press. Those who have accepted are:

John Higgins, Ian Trewin, Alex Hamilton	- <u>Times</u>
Someone as yet unnamed	- <u>Guardian</u>
Rivers Scott	- <u>Sunday Telegraph</u>
Jack Lambert	- <u>Sunday Times</u>
Terry Kilmartin, Helen Dawson	- <u>Observer</u>
Arthur Crook	- <u>TLS</u>
Anthony Thwaite, Anthony Howard	- <u>New Statesman</u>
Trevor Grove	- <u>Spectator</u>
Anthony Curtis	- <u>Financial Times</u>
Peter Grosvenor	- <u>Daily Express</u>
Eric Miscock, of course	

Good luck anyway! I look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards