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Martyn Goff, Esq.
National Book League
7 Albemarle Street
London, W 1

Dear Mr. Goff,

Enclosed is a copy of John Fowles letter stating his position on the eligibility of the V.S. Naipaul book IN A FREE STATE for the Booker Prize 1971 $\frac{1}{2}$.

I have just spoken to John Murphy about the letter and, consequently, I am sending additional copies to the other committee members: Lord Hardinge and Tom Maschler. Mr. Murphy said that we will wait and see what is to happen now. I am sure he will be communicating with you about it.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Purcell