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Dear Bill,

Thank you very much for card No. 2 which was very welcome for all sorts of reasons. As you will have seen from my last letter, everybody missed you including the sugar daddies who adored Frank and Stephen Spender.

Frank's speech was good, though it was reliably misreported. They gave us a nice lunch afterwards! I am sending the first lot of books to you now, so as not to waste any time and will send your checklist to the other judges as soon as I have it. Will you get in touch with them about keeping in touch with each other? If you see what I mean.

I have to go into hospital on Tuesday (15th) to have a nodule off my vocal chords but, with luck, I should be back in the office by Friday 18th. There won't be any problem here, however, since the hospital is only about three minutes away from the office and my visiting hours will allow my secretary to spend the whole afternoon with me. Should I so desire.

Sheelagh was a tower of strength while you were away. There were times when I thought I would have gone mad without her encouragement.

Love,