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THE BOOKER PRIZE - 1972

My memorandum of 7th April included details of the presentation dinner for the 1972 Booker Prize. I understand PMS informed GSB of this date. Since we have already changed this date once for Roy Jenkins, I feel it would be unwise to change it yet again.

I had lunch with Marilyn Edwards who deals with the administration of the Booker Prize and I understand there are no pressing problems at the present time. There are 39 entries at today's date and a further five are promised. This brings the total entries above last year's figure. The Judges have two meetings before the presentation dinner and these will both be in September. We normally use our Conference Room for these meetings and I have asked Miss Edwards to finalise dates for these Judges meetings as soon as possible.

I have asked Miss Edwards to keep me informed if there are any problems in connection with the Prize.

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