

17 April 1972

ME/EG

Dr George Steiner,

Dear Dr Steiner,

Thank you for your letter of 15 April.

In fact, as you suggested, I was able to get your biographical details from Rosemary Goud at Fabers.

As you say, when Tom Maschler approached you a panel of five judges was intended, but none of the American authors we invited were able to take it on, their main reason being that it was too distracting while they themselves were engaged in creative writing.

The last week in September would seem a very good time to have the first meeting of judges and I will clear it with Miss Bowen and Mr Connolly.

I look forward to meeting you on 27 April and wish you luck as, hopefully, it might be a lively occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards