

Dear Mr. Wellman

Thank you for your letter of 29 November

concerning the 1973 award of the Bookers Prize for fiction.

While sympathizing with the comments expressed

in your letter, I think that I should ~~point out~~ point out

that the Award of the B. Prize has nothing

whatsoever to do with the Company. An independent

Panel of judges chosen for ~~its~~ <sup>its</sup> knowledge and

experience of the literary world, is appointed

to choose the winning book and it would

have very <sup>be</sup> favorably against your Company

if not since it is open to accept the judges

decision. ~~It is a different matter.~~ It is a different matter.

for literary critics however, ~~that is the~~

~~the~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~understood~~ ~~technically~~ ~~and~~ ~~such~~ ~~matters~~

which are in no way obliged to agree

with the judges choice.

Finally,

Since the Page has been awarded, the business

is properly free to do with it <sup>whatever</sup> ~~what~~ he

chooses. Your directors do not agree with

Mr Berger in so far as his criticisms of

your company are concerned, but to start

a public debate with him is to expose

itself and the character of the Page would

have given <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ ~~statistical~~ facts impression that



~~The company was on the defensive~~

business and regulation. And has no feet.

based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Yours sincerely,  
A. B.