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Dennis Joss, Esq.,
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Dear Dennis,

I thought I should just write and let you know that I discussed with various people here Berger's remarks on being awarded the Booker Prize and came to the conclusion that "no comment" was indeed the right answer. His remarks were given some publicity here but really did not make all that much impact and from a number of comments I heard one strong opinion seems to have been that his remarks did not reflect too well on Berger himself.

Obviously greater impact will have been made in England - and perhaps in Europe - and I personally would be interested to hear what sort of reaction there has been to Berger's reaction! I hope, by the way, that Berger's reaction does not have the effect in any way of influencing us to withdraw the prize in future - personally I think the concept is a fine one, solidly appreciated, and that it should be continued.

Yours sincerely,



(I. A. McDONALD)