

11 November 1969

Dear Professor Hoggart,

May I offer my congratulations and wish you all success in your appointment with Unesco. I hope that it goes well with you.

Thank you for your letter of 26 October, I enclose a cheque to cover your expenses; also, I have spoken to John Murphy of Booker Brothers who assures me that they will be delighted to pay your fee in francs at a time convenient to you.

Obviously, travelling to London is going to be extremely difficult for you when you start working in Paris, but David Holloway - as Chairman - very much hopes that a final meeting of the judges to decide the winner will be held between 17 February and 27 February (with the exception of 20 February). The meeting will probably last most of one day and will take place in London. I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know as soon as possible which day would suit you as the other judges must be informed of the day they should keep clear. (Again, I realize that it is difficult for you to plan ahead, but I hope that you will be able to pick out one day).

A meeting between the judges is also to be held on 9 January to cut the list down to a potential short-list. The reason for that date is that Antonia Fraser and Ross Higgins are going away. Dame Rebecca West may or may not be able to come and I imagine you will probably not? As this is only a preliminary 'sort out' it will be possible to conduct it by post.

I enclose more comments from the other judges and a list of books to date (some of which are on their way to you now).

Sorry to be such a bore about dates.

Yours ever,

Marilyn Edwards