

*J.M.H. P.O.S. / It's your wife see I did not stick very closely
to this but it may help in briefing GSB for next
year*

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(A) INSTRUCTED BY BOOKER PRIZE C'TEE TO
CONGRATULATE AND THANK.

1. CONGRATULATE M. V. S. NAIPAUL WINNER OF THE
1971 BOOKER PRIZE FOR HIS BOOK 'IN A FREE
STATE'.

PARTICULARLY DELIGHTED WINNER A
TRINIDADIAN ALTHOUGH REALLY A CITIZEN OF
THE WORLD. PERSONALLY ENJOYED HIS BOOKS -
PARTICULARLY 'THE MIDDLE PASSAGE' AND 'AN
AREA OF DARKNESS'.

NO COLLUSION (FOUR MAJOR LITERARY PRIZES)
(THREE BOOKS IN NEXT TWELVE YEARS)

PRIZE CAN BE WON MORE THAN ONCE.

WHAT TO DO WITH £5000 - MISS RUBENS (THE
ELECTED MEMBER)

(Queen's Gold Medal for Poets for 1971)

2. CONGRATULATE AND THANK DISTINGUISHED
JUDGES

MR JOHN GROSS THE CHAIRMAN - DISTINGUISHED
AUTHOR AND
TEACHER
(LONDON &
CAMBRIDGE)

MR SAUL BELLOW WHO CAME OVER SPECIALLY
FROM THE STATES

MR JOHN FOWLES BEST SELLING DISTINGUISHED
NOVELIST

LADY ANTONIA OLIVER CROMWELL (MARY
FRASER QUEEN OF SCOTS)

MR PHILIP TOYNBEE WELL KNOWN FOR HIS
ARTICLES IN OBSERVER

3. THANK PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT MR
RAYNER UNWIN

(ALSO MISS MARILYN EDWARDS)

CO-OPERATION AND SPONSORSHIP OF 1971 PRIZE.

THEY DO THE WORK AND WE PRODUCE THE CASH.

Finally

4. THANK THE MEMBERS OF BOOKER PRIZE COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISATION OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AWARD AND PRESENTATION OF 1971 PRIZE

RAYNER UNWIN) (CHAIRMAN ALLEN & UNWIN)
JOHN MURPHY) JOINT CHAIRMEN

MR MARTIN GOFF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL BOOK LEAGUE
LORD HARDINGE

MR TOM MASCHLER CHAIRMAN OF JONATHAN CAPE
MISS MARILYN EDWARDS

(PETER SMITH)

5. WHAT DO BOOKERS GET OUT OF IT? DON'T KNOW - BUT PITY IF COMPANIES CANNOT REMAIN A COLLECTION OF HUMAN BEINGS AND PATRONAGE OF THE ARTS, WHERE THESE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR BUSINESS, CERTAINLY COMES UNDER HEADING OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY.

6. BOOKER McCONNELL AGAIN, OF COURSE,
SPONSORING THE BOOKER PRIZE IN 1972.
SO WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE GROWING
INTEREST IN THE WINNER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING - GOODNIGHT.