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Dear Mr. de Verteuil,

We are delighted that you have ordered another 50 copies of the winning novel and these are being sent to you as soon as possible. We are also sending you by air freight a Booker Prize trophy statue for use in display in the book departments if you think fit as I believe Lionel Wharrad had already described to you.

To enable you to get the maximum P.R. value I enclose copies of the releases on the Booker Prize which are sent out jointly by us and the Publishers Association, who are jointly sponsoring the Prize with us. I think this should give you sufficient background information for newspaper articles etc.

You may be interested to know that one of the intended but delightful results of issuing a short list of six books is that there is considerable controversy and speculation about which one is actually going to win the prize. As a result, we are told that the sales of all the short list books are going up. This of course is what was planned.

Please let me know if there is anything else that we can tell you on this and thank you very much for your support.

I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, but do hope I will next time you are over here.

Yours sincerely,

(J.N. Murphy)