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John Gross, Esq.,  


Dear Mr. Gross,

I enclose this letter received from Saul Bellow today. I have not yet sent it to the other judges, but obviously would like to know your feelings as soon as possible.

If the view of the organizing committee is of any help to you in your decision of whether his "presence is truly indispensable", the feeling seems to be that as his views are fairly outspoken and he is still a judge he probably ought to be there. May I telephone you tomorrow (i.e. 27th) to discuss this? I have provisionally booked a hotel for him.

It does also appear from his letter that he wishes the meeting to take place a week earlier than we suggested, which I think is possible for the other judges, do you think that this will be too close to the 14th, or at that stage there will be very little re-reading to do?

Best wishes,

Yours,

Marilyn Edwards