

ME/ADW

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Dear David,

How delicious - so you are a fan of the modern musical! As you said the 22nd may be a day on which tiny drops of blood will be sweated. I wish you a great deal of luck, although you are such an admirable Chairman I am sure there will be no real problem!

I have passed on the four titles that Dame Rebecca has added to the list to the others to be considered, although they would probably have done this automatically but it is as well to remind them.

I must confirm the booking at the Kingsley Hotel for the 22nd which at the moment is provisionally from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You said on the 9th that you thought mid-day was early enough. Do you feel at this stage that you would like to meet earlier?

I am glad that you have heard that people enjoyed themselves at the Booker Party. I can't help feeling that in many ways it was a great non-event, although those people who did come were very helpful. The 'bombshell' that Eric Hiscock dropped about Foyles was not taken seriously by anyone, I think, but if it were I would fight it tooth and nail for all the reasons that you said and more besides. The time ~~and date~~ is still not clear as it depends on television, although in many ways a lunch would be better it would be silly to get the evening papers and risk losing the dailies so probably an evening affair would be a better idea.

Look after yourself - we need you.

Yours,