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Miss Marilyn Edwards  
The Publishers Association  
19 Bedford Square  
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Dear Marilyn

Many thanks for yours of November 12th, and please do accept (and also convey to others concerned) my apologies for not being able to make the meeting. Alas, as you say, I will be in America on December 4th. Do let me know when the meeting after that is to be.

All the things agreed seem very much to the point. I would however suggest that if that drinks party is worth having it is probably also worth inviting the TLS, the Spectator, and the New Statesman.

After last year's experience, obviously the stage-managing of the occasion wherever it is to be is of vital importance.

Yours

TM: jm

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