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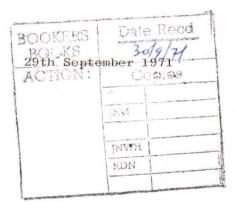
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Dear John

I tried to call you and wanted to say two things.

- 1. John Fowles must have misunderstood me, for I of course did not get your approval before talking to John Gross. The misunderstanding probably occurred through the fact that Marilyn told me you had approved of the call. On the other hand I did of course call John Gross solely as a result of Marilyn having called me. And for the record, if definition is required, I would say that my call was 'unofficial' but that I was calling as a member of the Prize Committee and most certainly not as Tom Maschler, publisher.
- 2. I urge you to arrange immediately a meeting of the Prize Committee. Any minute now, there'll be a leak and then we're really in trouble.

Yours

TM: jm