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197 Water Street,  
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Dear David,

I have just been talking to Mike Hearder of Booker Books concerning the publicity which I gather you are going to give to the announcement of the "Book of the Year" when this announcement is made later in April.

The parcel of twelve of the chosen books are being sent to me here at Adelphi and I shall be arranging for these to be despatched direct to you by airfreight, marked for your personal attention. The purpose of this is to ensure that the parcel arrives in your hands and is retained in your office until the announcement is made.

As you can imagine, Booker Books are most anxious to avoid the choice of the books to be leaked in any way and this is the only way I can think of ensuring that security is maintained as far as possible. It is inevitable, of course, that there is risk that the parcel is opened en route but this is a chance we have to take.

I shall be grateful if you will keep this parcel and tie the books in with the promotion and publicity I gather you are going to give this event on the chosen day.

This is just some advance warning that the parcel will be made out for your personal attention to avoid misunderstanding and I hope that it arrives safely, intact and in time.

Yours sincerely,

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