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Mrs P. Davies,  
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Dear Patricia,

### Australia's Home

Good news from Penguin, and I enclose a copy of their letter. Basically, financial arrangements will remain the same, except that the royalty percentage will now apply on a higher retail price. With their long list of books Penguins sometimes seem to take a very long while issuing reprints, and it could be well into 1978 before we see the new edition.

You will see that I made no suggestion to John Hooker about a person to write the foreword. One has to proceed delicately, as they may feel we are trying to meddle in what is really much more their affair than ours. But he could hardly resent a tactful suggestion, especially if we put up the name of someone who would give an independent view of Robin's work - not simply one of his friends. I don't think we have anything to fear from a critical foreword, but I should dislike the job to be given to anyone who was an enemy of Robin's, or who simply didn't understand him. Any ideas?

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This will be the time to proceed with Victorian Modern which (though you would be justified in thinking so) has NOT simply been forgotten. To issue it at roughly the same time as the new Penguin will be ideal, and this will be done.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P.A. Ryan,  
Director.

