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Dear Mr Read

I write to you as the one time President of the Association of Authors Agents (the British equivalent to the US AAR) and as the one time Head of Books at United Agents, the largest literary agency in this country, inaugurated in 2008 - but in a private capacity as I have not had the chance to consult my colleagues. I gather that the deadline for comments is midnight tonight and our offices are already closed.

While it is arguable whether the consumer should be protected at the expense of the artist, my main concern has to be that the DOJ is by its actions helping create a dangerous monopoly. (You will I hope have read the Auletta piece in the current New Yorker.) This Amazon monopoly will ravage both the texture and the range of books, and drive many writers out of the marketplace altogether.

Please handle this settlement with care and with that in mind.

Yours sincerely
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