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Gentlemen,

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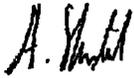
The Egyptian writer Najib Mahfuz is undoubtedly the leading Arab writer whose works are read all over the Arab world.

Mr. Mahfuz has published in the last fifty years about fifty novels and short stories many of which have been translated into more than a dozen languages.

Although Mr. Mahfuz's works are mainly the mirror which reflects the life and image of Egyptian society, his novels have a strong universal impact since they are a rare combination of powerful realism interwoven with the high ideals of a society living in the light of morals and values of humanism.

It is therefore a rare pleasure and honour to nominate Mr. Najib Mahfuz for the Nobel Prize for Literature for the year 1988.

Yours very truly,



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