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Dear Dr Soames,

Thank you for your kind invitation to dinner on the 19th. Unfortunately, my plans have changed somewhat, and I am leaving England earlier than I had expected in order to attend a literary conference in New York. I am sorry to miss you, but perhaps I could call you next time I am in England, and we could arrange to meet.

Until then, kindest regards,

MichaelStrong