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Tribunal of Enquiry

RLD/JT

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Dear Lord Butler,

You will no doubt be aware that a Tribunal of Enquiry has been set up to enquire into the facts relating to the visit of Dr. Inch to the University on 7th May and the events leading up to them.

At its first meeting the attention of the Tribunal was drawn to statements made by you to the Press. The Press reports are somewhat unclear, and in particular it is not clear whether you were intending to refer specifically to the events surrounding Dr. Inch's visit. However, the presentation of your remarks in some newspapers could lead to the interpretation that you have evidence that agencies outside the University had a part in bringing about the demonstration which took place.

The motivation of those who participated in the demonstration is a matter which falls within the Tribunal's terms of reference. Accordingly I am directed by the Tribunal to ask whether you have evidence of the kind referred to above, and if so whether you would present it for the consideration of the Tribunal.

I enclose a copy of a circular which explains the Tribunal's functions and procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Dixon.

Thank you for your letter concerning the Tribunal of Enquiry. In fact my answer to a query from the Sunday Express was intended to relate primarily to the French situation which was very severe at that time. Any reference to Essex University was inserted by the newspaper and not by myself.

What is pertinent to your Enquiry is that, whatever doubts & anxieties one may have, I have no evidence relating to the incident which you are considering

Yours truly  
Butler

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