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3rd August, 1965.

Dear John,

To my official letter I add a personal note; you know that I have said often that we could not have done our work without our help. This I repeat. Yet in the first forty-eight hours after your reported address I was quite prepared to disown Defence & Aid altogether, and many others would have followed my example, but ultimately I could not do so, because who then would have done our work?

I believe that the Cabinet at its meeting today will discuss the problem posed to it by D & A. Of the result of this I shall let you know in due course. They may not ban us, they may just ban our working members, as they have done with the L.P.

There is another thing I must in all honesty say to you. I do not think your D & A Fund has done much to carry out its third aim. If it had, it certainly would have given greater help to the L.P. I doubt if we have received 1% of the funds you made available. You could at least have helped us to meet some of our more material difficulties, but you chose not to do so. We fully approve of the legal help D & A has given to those charged with political offences, even when serious crimes such as murder have been involved. Yet were saboteurs in your eyes the only kind of resisters worth sustaining? Did you think persons like Peter Brown of no consequence? Did you know that the overwhelming burden of the work of D & A was being done by people whose own causes you did not, or perhaps would not, support? I urge you to answer these questions, for your answers are vital to our friendship. And if you answer that you did not think that saboteurs were the only persons worth assisting, will you explain why you gave such negligible help to others?

Please tell Diana that I shall soon be writing to her.

Love to you both.

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