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Dear Lucy

I would answer your note more fully but for the fact that you have seen Ruth and she has told me all your latest news.

I cannot say how strongly I agree with the advice that she has given you — that you should not attempt to revise Philip's case at this moment, or to attract any kind of attention to it in the present highly inflamed state of public feeling. To do so could have only one effect: — a fresh agitation in

Parliament & the Press for harsher measures against him, and all

Other "highly-placed" naturalised
aliens. It is not a question of
"right" or "justice" — neither of these
things count at all against the
bitter and deepening prejudices of a
Public which is beginning to "see red"
thereover anything German (or remotely
connected with Germany) is mentioned.

Even if you could secure a
re-consideration of Philip's case, ~~he~~ he
would not — under present conditions —
stand the smallest chance of a
fair hearing and his position could
only be made worse instead of better.

Please do not think, for a moment,
that I underestimate that he & you
are suffering, but it is one of the tragedies
of this war, against which (whatever the
war lasts) nothing can avail but fortitude
and patience. ^{With deep sympathy}
Believe me, Yrs. truly,
Lee of Farnham