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My dear Lucy

Your note has only just reached me here. Both Ruth and I are more glad than we can say about your news, and it will be an immense relief to all of Philip's friends. But I entirely agree that it is most essential, in his interests, that the matter should be kept as secret as possible. Otherwise one cannot control some fresh outburst of spite and malicious hostility in Parliament or the Press. I need hardly assure you that I fully realize all the suffering that he has gone through during the past year and am not surprised to hear how much his health has been affected. But now, I trust, he will soon pick up again, and, whatever happens, that he will remember to be patient and to let his vindication wait until the war is over. That is the advice of an old

And true friend!

I must tell you that Faith has just had to undergo a very serious operation, and is still in the nursing home. But she has come through it splendidly and is now quite out of danger. Indeed there is every reason to hope that, as a result, she ought to be stronger, and more able to enjoy life, than she has ever been before.

With love and congratulations to  
Philip from us all.

Yours sincerely  
Arthur Lee

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