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37, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2.

16th. May, 1919.

Sir.

P. A. Laszlo de Lombos.

This case has been referred by the Secretary of State to the Certificates of Naturalization (Revocation) Committee for enquiry under sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Act of 1914 as amended by the Act of 1918.

We would, very respectfully, draw your attention to sub-section (4) of that section under which the Secretary of State is empowered to direct that any case shall be tried in the High Court.

On behalf of Mr. Philip Alexius Laszlo de Lombos we would respectfully ask the Secretary of State to send this particular case to be heard before the High Court.

Our reason for asking is that this is a case which has been publicly discussed in both Houses of Parliament; prominent members have taken part in the debates; Mr. de Laszlo's name and supposed conduct have been specifically referred to in terms which cast the very gravest reflection upon him; and the public has drawn the conclusion that he is nothing less than a traitor.

This Parliamentary discussion has given the matter, of course, world-wide publicity.

The dreadful impression thus created has been so widely and publicly made that Mr. de Laszlo can only clear himself by an equally public investigation in a Court of Justice. He has nothing to conceal and invites the most open and complete enquiry.

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We, therefore, respectfully urge upon the Secretary of State that he will direct that this matter be referred to the High Court of Justice as provided by the Act, and so give Mr. de Laszlo the opportunity of publicly meeting the imputations made in Parliamentary debate.

You are aware that Mr. de Laszlo has been under detention and surveillance for a very long period and he submits that he is now entitled to have an open investigation and final decision without delay.

We remain, Sir,  
Your obedient Servants,

CHARLES RUSSELL & CO.

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