*In the left corner written in pencil:*

Ms 2750/2SS/105

*Typed letter:*

Brailsford 1-…-26

Dear Wolf,

These are the worst of a bundle that arrived this morning. They

seem to me to transform the situation and I ask your advice on it

not merely because your reputation is also involved but because I

much want to know what you think.

First thoughts on the Daily Express cutting force me to the view

that is my duty to sue the paper. I can see only one good rea-

son for refraining, the loathing with which my wife would regard

the proceeding. If I don’t, on the other hand, my evidence, past

and future, everything I have written and anything I may ever

write is publicly discredited. I can think of no other wat of

escape from the position of a man …. who is proved on official

evidence to be a liar. It would not be enough, for example to

make the ‘Express’ give me a whole column in answer. People in fut-

ure would simply allude to me and, what matter far more, to what

I have written, as a person and a book of notorious falsity. That

is quite clearly my first view an I cannot imagine anything to

make it different after a month’s reflection.

Is there any friend in the great world to whom you could venture

to submit the point? I enclose the draft of what I proposed to

write to the press, a procedure that now seems to me so inadequate.

yours

*Written on the end of the typed letter:*

Norman Leys

PS.

On second thought I don’t see why I should trouble

you with the statement.

I could go to London on Friday. Is there any

lawyer of special experience you think I might

*Other side of the page:*

Consult on that day?

The white paper does not say that

Anything I alleged was “Cruel & malicious“

Or “The precise opposite of the truth“

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1. Not sure [↑](#footnote-ref-1)