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Dear Mr Man,

Thank you for your last letter. I hope you will excuse me if this letter is not too long. My appearance on tv recently has brought a large postbag. I thought I had only made two non-controversial points, but people still seem to want to tell me what I should have said (both anti-racists who only want to damn their enemies, and nationalist Britons who want to be praised: it does not pay to try to be fair!).

I thought I had tried to set out in my piece on the Holocaust denial the 'deniers' case as fairly as possible. If I used the word discrepancy in relation to gas chambers at Dachau etc., it was to try to cover the point that survivors who claim there were gas chambers are not necessarily lying - thus using words like 'deceit' , 'liar' etc. are (in most cases) wrong. I enclose part of a Holocaust denial article which makes the same point. I also enclose a Holocaust denial article about fake photos.

It seems to me beyond doubt that there have been mistakes, forgeries and lies. HOWEVER, it also seems beyond doubt that people (not just Jews) were treated appallingly in camps. In Dachau, for example, people were frozen to death in order to conduct medical experiments. I might add that new documents seem to provide (I have not looked at them, and one always be wary) further proof of Nazi mass killings. This cannot be separated from the view of some Nazis towards 'subhumans' etc. There really is not parallel between Nazi camps, and say british ones in the Boer war. People died in the British camps, but there was no British theory of racial superiority over the Boers, no deliberate sadistic killing. Indeed, after the war the British signed a magnanimous treaty with the Boers.

I might also add on a different point that with the collapse of faith in mainstream ideologies, there is scope for the revival of a more academic version of fascism (see my chapter in Eatwell and Wright (eds), *Contemporary Political Ideologies* (1993), which takes fascist ideas seriously). I will also be developing this theme in a book which will appear in about a year, and which I expect to be very controversial.

Yours sincerely,
B. S. J.