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Dear Mr Baron,

Further to your recent letter and telephone conversation.

The allegation which you say is in July "Searchlight" that the British League of Ex-Servicemen stated publicly that Jewish families in Britain should be shot. Although I cannot speak for what the British League did or said at the time, it seems to me that if that statement means anything, 'publicly' means at a street meeting. I believe that at all those meetings there was always Special Branch shorthand note takers, in fact I think there were one or two cases arising where speakers went to court which on the whole were dismissed or received small fines. Tempers were heated arising from (a) the 43 Groups actions in the area, coupled with the killing of British soldiers in Palestine by the Jewish terror groups. If a speaker had said anything like the Searchlight allegation they would have been in court in no time, and, quite rightly, received I would think a heavy sentence. Surely, the Searchlight lot, with their supposed competence, would have this source in black and white? This covers also your second para. There is no doubt, with what as I said was going on, some of the speeches by local speakers showed the heat that had been aroused and used the sort of words that East Londoners themselves used and were accustomed to. As for 'to attack Jewish children' - even the down-to-earth East Londoners, many of them who from experience had little time for the Jewish fraternity with whom they lived adjacent, would never counter attacks on children, Jewish or otherwise. It was a far different society to that of today where violence is everywhere.

I regret I cannot give you the names of our other researchers. They will be informed of your activity and if they come across anything which might be of use I will let you know. The main reason for this is that all our researchers are heavily involved in straight BU research and there is more than enough to keep them occupied. And as I have tried to make clear, apart from this, we do not wish to dissipate our energies into the world of Gerry Gable, unless something arises that makes this necessary. But good luck to you and if and when anything is found that we think might be of use to you I will get in touch.

The young girls through the window nonsense. I seem to recall that once this story was a baby through the window.

Harold Soref. As I said on the phone the Junior Imperial League I think was linked to the Conservative Party in the 1920/30s. The Conservative Central Office could no doubt help you there. Perhaps Soref had been a member before joining BUF, taking it that the story of him being a member in the obituaries is accurate. He would not have been in the 'IMPS' and BUF at same time. I have no official information other than that.

Now to your pamphlet. One must straight away. Lady Mosley is not the titular head of Friends of O.M. (That's also the correct title - not Friends of Oswald Mosley) Whether or not the Sunday Mirror gave the chap a leading question and he gave a misleading answer, or whether they got it wrong, deliberately or otherwise, this is totally wrong. Lady Mosley is not involved in politics of any sort. All she will do is to react to defend her husband

when anything incorrect or misleading is published. She is still also active in the literary field and is frequently asked to review literature in the national media, despite all that has been said about her past. Which at 84 is not bad going. She is obviously in general agreement with the aims of FOM but that is all.

As regards your third para, I am enclosing the memo that goes out to those who enquire about becoming registered readers of "Comrade". This sets out the purpose, objects etc of FOM, and you will note that we do not just accept any who wish to register. As regards the 'Hitler worship', your sentiments are correct. In fact we old BU members can be critical of Hitler, for although at the time we did understand what he was trying to do for Germany, some of his actions certainly did not help British Union in their struggle to bring about a British renaissance. We are now even more critical of those who involve themselves with some form of Hitler worship.

Para 4. To be accurate - run by former members of British Union, and post-war Union Movement. I don't particularly like 'Mosley fan club' but I must let you use your own words!. And organise social functions would please me best.

Para 5. I would prefer you not to quote the Weiner Library and Board of Deputies for reasons which I cannot go into. How about something like 'a number of Jewish agencies in this country and overseas on their mailing list'?

Searchlight's long history of D Mirror co-operation. The story is, of which there is no official documentation, that in return for D Mirror financial input, the Mirror would get 'first use' of any 'fascist' story. I cannot recollect whether this started before Maxwell's time but certainly the story is that the scoundrel did put a lot of cash into Searchlight.

As I said on 'phone, I would ask you not to use Hopewell's name. If you feel like add something to your first para you could say something like 'the prison officer would appear to have had naive attitude to the Mirror's request for an interview, believing that they would give an honest appreciation of his devotion to Mosley.' He was also suspended (like the Prison authority) pending an enquiry based on the S.Mirror rubbish, by the National Executive of the Prison Officers' Association. In both cases these two bodies were approached with what the Mirror was going to publish before it was actually published, which suggests that the warder was 'set-up'. You could add that you have learned that the warder has now been reinstated and back on duty - so much for the S Mirror rubbish.

Enclosed a few more bits and pieces I have come across. On the Private Eye correspondence I had not got, or seen the apparent Gable letter that sparked this off. Incidentally, on Bidney whose name crops up regarding his 'social activities'. I had heard years ago, no documentation, that Bidney was involved in one Soho club that features flagellation among its activities - as a customer I think, not proprietor.

Yours sincerely

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