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**Basil Thomson to Ernley Blackwell**

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Dear Blackwell,

I had a talk with Dr. Page, the American Ambassador, today and at his request, showed him the diary, and pointed out the innocuous passages that identified the writer as well as the filthy part. He was quite satisfied and said that he wd like to show it to his P. secretary who leaves for Washington with him on Saturday. I left photographs of two pages with him. He stated that he considered the matter of international importance in view of the pressure that was being brought to bear on the President, and of Doyle's propaganda. But he wd tell everything to the President and he felt sure that he wd be in time.

I send you some further statements, sworn and unsworn **[Norwegian]**. Not much in them.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) B. ?? Thomson