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SQUADRON ROOMS,
1 PARLIAMENT STREET,
AUCKLAND, N.Z.

Dear Robert

Address as before.

'after two years working
next door to Dowding as S.A.S.O.
there were ^{no} secrets between us! Never
did I hear of "Ultra I" before going
to Malta in June 1942. There it
was invaluable as so much of my
ops were against enemy shipping
in Central Med.

Slessor's statement that
Dowding's task was aided by
'Ultra' in the Battle of Britain is
nonsense & an unworthy effort
to belittle both 'Stuffy' and me.

As Dowding had not
the tools nor the time to operate
any fighters 'Ultra' could not
have been of any value.

During the critical part
of the Battle e.g. August & Sept 1940
I could not get from Intelligence
Air Ministry, or from H.Q. Fighter
Command any estimate of the
strength of German Bombers or
Fighter A/c on my front; much
less special I like "Ultra".

What a wonderful life
you are having on your own

P.T.O.

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R A F Bases. How I envy you, but
my several Directorships take
around N.Z. and Eastern Coast
of Australia. In my spare
time I manage a fast Diesel
launch in place of my racing
yacht. When you come to N.Z.
I shall take you cruising &
living aboard "TOBERON".

With all the best for the
Christmas & New Year Holiday.

Yours most sincerely

Keith Park