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Dear Robert, address as before.

after two years working  
next door to Dowding as S.A.S.O.  
there were <sup>no</sup> 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 eg 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