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SOUTHBOROUGH
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

WALBIE

16-9-57.

My dear knight.

Thank you for your letter and for the sympathetic article which you wrote in the Sunday Times.

You say that Collier raised various questions & then left them dangling in mid air without answering them conclusively.

This is perhaps what I meant by saying in my Preface that in his first draft of the book Collier had "leant over backwards" to justify the authorities. He did a certain amount to correct this; but I suppose there were limits to which he could go, even supposing that he wished to go to them.

He could not be expected to explain, for instance, "just why Lord Dowding was not

promoted to the highest rank, or to assess
the comparative responsibilities of Portal and
Sinclair & Churchill in that connection.

Anyway all this is ancient history so
far as I am concerned. I have
accepted the situation with out rancour
and am perfectly happy in the pursuit
of quite different interests.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

Dowding.