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My dear Tiger:

You will be interested to hear that for the past two years I have been working with Sholto Douglas on the preparation of his autobiography. We have now finished the first draft, and it is going to be a big, long and important book in every way.

I should be most grateful to you if you would be so good as to let me have anything that you can remember about Sholto Douglas in the Ops Room on the night that Hess arrived in this country. You, I know, were the Controller on duty that night. Do you remember, roughly, when Sholto arrived in the Ops Room and anything outstanding that happened - apart from the main event and the fact that there was the big raid on London - and when he left. I understand that he was there for a long time. Who was the Duty Air Commodore? I also understand that Ronnie Squire was on duty that night - is that correct?

I am also told that you were in the same squadron with Peter Portal - who is a neighbour of mine down here - and Reggie Tate in the First World War. Would you please be so good as to let me have the details of your service in that war?

Sholto and I made a wonderful tour of the old Western Front summer before last and we saw far more than we expected to be able to find. And we are just back from a visit to Hungary. Budapest is a very sad place.

I hope that you are well, and I send my warmest regards.

Yours ever,

Robert Wright