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Dear Professor Fisher

I am so glad that you have written to  
the Times. May I ask you to let me see this copy.

I hope that they will not attempt to subject you to  
discipline as they did me. They said that they only had one  
column now for letters and that mine would fit almost  
the whole of it; would I reduce it by one third. Actually I  
reduced by one quarter and got away with it.

I think it will be shocking if they asked you to do this,  
but it might interest you to know how it strikes a reader.  
I don't think anything can really be spared, but under necessity  
I should be inclined to the view that the second paragraph  
could be reduced to one sentence, <sup>which would include</sup> including the point in the  
last sentence of it, <sup>your</sup> (you would then have to assume some  
background of understanding in the reader); and that the  
reference to propaganda, though most important, could be omitted.

with least harm. Thus you would end at "journey" on the top of  
page 3 and proceed straight to the next paragraph "A factor which  
I believe impeded..."

I apologise for mutilating your letter for you; but I am so  
anxious that the letter should appear and appreciate that you might  
feel "they must take it as it is or leave it" - a very proper attitude,  
but one which in view of the importance of the letter I hope you  
would not on consideration adopt.

But perhaps all my fears are groundless

Yrs sincerely

R. F. Howard.