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In Edward Henry's letter.

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29, CAMPDEN HOUSE COURT,  
KENSINGTON, W.

Feb 26: 1918

Dear Mr de Laszlo.

I return the cutting from the newspaper which accompanied your letter.

I cannot speak with absolute certainty as the papers were not seen by me but I have the belief that the Home Secretary acted upon the recommendation of the Advisory Com<sup>e</sup>.

This Advisory Committee was set up by the late Prime Minister who made a formal statement in the House of Commons as to its constitution & functions. I understand that it consists of two judges of the High Court & of some members of

Parliament.

I think any one reading the Home Secretary's  
Statement would take it to mean that though  
there is no evidence in the legal sense of that  
word, which would justify proceedings,  
there is, whether rightly or wrongly, suspicion  
and in the circumstances, as this country  
is at war, no risks should be taken - in  
other words that any person of alien enemy  
origin under suspicion, should, in the  
national interests, be temporarily interned.  
I have put this very bluntly - but even as it  
is put you must agree that though in the  
case of your husband the decision taken, in your  
Judgment, operates harshly & unfairly it cannot be  
deemed unreasonable

Yours sincerely  
E. N. Henry