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Dear Brian,

Bad luck with the BBC. After a preliminary exploration, I got in touch with a Miss Anna Kallin, in charge of talks on foreign subjects or some such thing. (She's an old colleague of this chap Wightman, who's now in the Friends Department here, so I had a reasonably good introduction). She submitted the suggestion to the 3rd Progr. Committee, but they've turned it down on the grounds that "the subject would be too academic and much better read about than listened to". In other words, they can't be bothered. I'm afraid I don't see what else I could usefully

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do in this matter, so perhaps we'll  
have to acknowledge defeat.

Reports on Censorship + Cambridge Universities

I'm sending you, as printed  
matter, copies of these reports, produced  
by Batista. Do you think we could  
send them to all our members and to  
Heads of Departments in the name of  
the A.-C. S., or better do it privately and,  
as it were, anonymously? (Then perhaps  
Batista could do it from Cambridge). Please  
let me have your opinion, as Batista is  
anxious to go ahead.

A.-C.S. lunch

Though I agree the Majorella lunches  
just don't value for money, I don't  
think we could go to another restaurant  
without giving Bonifant another drame.

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If that's all right with you, I'll haul him over the coals and tell him that, unless he does rather better next time, we'll go elsewhere. A sort of ultimatum. OK?

A.-C.S. Secretaryship

I've been looking at my interpreting programme for the year, now that this term is well under way and I'm beginning to look ahead and, frankly, I think it would be too ambitious an undertaking to remain Secretary for another year. After the end of term I'll be away almost continuously for 3 months, and even in autumn I'm not likely to spend more than a fortnight a month in London (and

then I'll be working at same conference or other!). This being so, and since things will inevitably get more hectic rather than less, I really do feel I wouldn't be able to ensure a continuity of effort. The effort of being Secretary is small, when one has such an active and cooperative President as you are, but the important point is that of "continuity": with me dashing back and forth, more or less commuting between London and the Continent, I'd most likely always be away just when something had to be done. Consequently, I feel I'll have to resign by the end of September. I'm sorry to say all this after stating, at the Conference, that I was willing to stay for another year. I am indeed, still willing and eager, but having looked really carefully at my prospective pattern of life, I now realize it can't be done.

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I thought I'd better warn you straight away, because - obviously - some prospecting will have to be done for a new Secretary. I understand that Geoffrey, fed up with finance, wants to resign as Treasurer. Couldn't he be persuaded to become Secretary instead? He'd make an excellent Secretary!

I haven't forgotten the A.-C.S. handouts, but haven't got round to it yet. As soon as I manage to draft something, I'll let you have it.

All the best.

Yours  
Amuedler