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SECRET.

12/15 January, 1941.

Dear *Duane*

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I have received your letter dated 8th January with enclosures from Zamoyaki, the A.D.C. to General Sikorski.

I think you will agree that, apart from any political considerations, an attack on the Polish concentration camp at Oswiecim is an undesirable diversion for our bomber force and unlikely to achieve its purpose. The weight of bombs that could be carried to a target at this distance with the limited force available, would be very unlikely to cause enough damage to enable prisoners to escape.

I should be grateful if you would reply to General Sikorski, explaining this to him.

Yours *ever*

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