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**Transcript**

35. BURLINGTON AVENUE,

KEW GARDENS, SURREY.

TELEPHONE: PROSPECT 1973

January 26, 1939

Dear Mr. Hickey,

As I told you on the phone to-day, Mr. Armour and

myself, after reading the draft of your Appeal, think it may

stand as it is. It would be possible for either of us to

write another appeal, to be sure, or change the present out

of all recognition, or issue one with concrete points dwelt on.

We think, however, that your one is very good, and

that sections 2 & 3 could be omitted, section 4 : the explanation

of the League dwelt on, and in place of sections 2 & 3, a

short bibliography of the more urgent issues included.

I enclose, as you asked, such a bibliography with

summaries you can further shorten or omit, as they are for

your guidance.

With the Appeal, we also suggest some literature, e.g.

the Manchester pamphlet, Harrison’s one, or Mr. Armour’s forth-

coming article, should be included. Any statement we any of us might

draw up preaches to the converted but Delargy, Harrison, Armour

or the National Council of Civil Liberties pamphlet deal with

the questions the honest English inquirer will want answered.

Within the limits of the leaflet you describe, surely it is

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~~surely~~ wiser to deal, as you have dealt, with a broad statement

of the issues, and devote the remainder to concrete informa-

tion about the organisation.

Yours sincerely,

*Desmond Ryan*

*Ent. 2692*