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Dear Professor Haldane,

It will be impossible for Frederick and I to meet you as arranged on June 4th. Frederick has just learnt that he has to give evidence in the High Court that day and I shall be involved in other work which has just arisen out of an emergency. Could you therefore defer the interview until Monday, June 10th.? Any time that day suitable to you, will suit us.

With regard to your kind offer to arrange for any experiment which we might desire to see, we would not wish you to be involved in any additional work covering the same ground for our special benefit. Should, however, any experiment be actually in progress at the time of our visit we should be most interested to be privileged to witness it.

I am very sorry to have to ask you to alter your arrangements but it is difficult these days to arrange for things even so short a time ahead as one week.

Yours sincerely,

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3rd June, 1940.

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Dear Rainsford,

Thank you for your letter. I will meet you on June 10th. I can now say quite definitely that in my own case at any rate, cold does not make the effects of pressure any worse. I have just got the American report of which a copy was sent to Siebe Gormans, and which would undoubtedly have saved us a good deal of trouble had the Admiralty not kept it for three months. But I think we have now enough data to show what to do during flooding up. The very real danger is, however, that of oxygen poisoning while leaving the submarine.

Incidentally I have not got any money out of the Admiralty beyond the original £25, and in consequence am considerably out of pocket at present. I think 11 a.m. at Siebe Gormans would be the best time on Monday, June 10th. This would give us time to do an experiment if you wanted one done. I can appreciate that at the present time it is very difficult to make plans ahead.

Yours sincerely,