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Dear Martin,

I saw Siebe Gormans and a naval officer today. I have put in a letter to the Admiralty asking for your assistance and suggesting that you be paid and given expenses for a preliminary period of two months or so. If within that time, you succeed in clearing up the question whether nitrogen makes people rather drunk at moderate pressures and the like, it seems probable that you would get a job on another problem of the same character. Siebe Gormans say that if the Admiralty are too slow on the matter, they would pay you £5 a week or so for a limited period. You can therefore take it that the odds in favour of your getting the job of which I spoke have now risen to about ten to one. However, on the lip and slip principle, I cannot say more than that. But I think you are now justified in turning down any particularly odious jobs which you are offered. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything definite, but from my knowledge of the Admiralty, this may not be for a week or two.

Yours very sincerely,