



United Kingdom  
Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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Dear Dr. Fairchild,

I am writing to enquire as to whether you would be willing to undertake an information-gathering mission alongside Foreign Office officials to Munich, Germany. There is an internment camp named Dachau there, which upon liberation held some 30,000 prisoners, including political prisoners and Jews. The unit currently stationed there reports that the Germans ran a surgery there which specialised in the treatment of burns and other similar wounds; from what we're told, their work is similar in intent to your own. Baron Exmoor has informed us of your skill and expertise in the field and we turn to you, on his recommendation, to examine this surgery, the remaining patients within it and their records, partly in an effort to see if anything can be learned, but also to determine what can be done for the patients.

One rather unpleasant caveat; we are informed that some of the patients present were operated on without their consent; indeed, it seems apparent that some were deliberately injured in an attempt to create suitable test cases for experimentation.

If you are willing, please telegram this office as soon as may be, care of myself, and I will expedite matters.

Yours faithfully,

*Albert M Cavistock*

Private Secretary to E Bevin