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Prof. Arnold Toynbee  
Chatham House  
10 St James Square  
London S W 1

Dear Professor Toynbee, -

Let me be the last to congratulate you on your splendid achievements, both in Hillel House, and McGill University. Personally, I've always thought it an excellent thing to accept an invitation to serve a certain cause and subsequently to do one's jolly best to destroy the very cause which one consented to defend.

By attacking poor little Israel you showed, of course, a great deal of courage. But then, your bravery wouldn't appear to be consistent with the view-point you so lucidly explained to me in the summer of 1955 - an attitude according to which no "mere historian" were morally entitled to interfere with the historical facts of the moment. The historian - you said then - could never actually be held responsible for his political preachings; hence he must under no circumstances engage in politics.

Well, consistency is one thing and character is quite another. Luckily, you are not being hampered by either.

At any rate, you are a hero now, and I sincerely hope that you will continue to earn fortunes by writing for "Fortune".

Yours truly

PS. Although I am very glad about the release from prison of any British spy anywhere on earth, I wonder just how happy you are about that particular release by the combined grace of yourself and Nasser.



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