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Dear Mr. Lynd:

I am just in receipt of yours of 26th with copy of your letter to the Hon. Mr. Hanson.

I find it difficult to make up my mind as to just what motive and intent is now uppermost in the mind of the Government. Certainly until very lately they intended to do just what you think they are still intending to do—get away with as little as possible. I thought I could see quite a different attitude more recently, and I cannot believe that any man of intelligence can now rest content with anything but a Herculean last-ounce-of-strength effort.

The whole difficulty is the thing started too late. There has been a wrong attitude for years. You will receive, perhaps on the next mail, a pamphlet I have had printed with three speeches I have made this Session. These disclose my thinking very, very clearly.

I am inclined to think General McNaughton got instructions from here all right, but I think the decision not to go to France was his own decision and that the War Office agreed, as necessarily they had to agree, when he reported advising against the going across to Calais. Of course, then it was too late, and his decision I am sure was right, but up to then I have no reason to think our men were trained, equipped and ready to go.

The next very short time will disclose a lot.

Yours very truly,

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