

Mon 14/10/57.

Prof Mr. Higgins

Y. y. for yr. l. of Dec. I think we may have gained something significant on
Thurs., as I am sure otherwise a stage when it was dec'd. to abandon the
wk. along. I don't sh. for a moment that the ? of introducing. expenditure on
dec'd. into yr. publi' will arise now. But I believe this was the issue
which first brought the enterprise into jeopardy, & if it does come up again
will oblige you to back me up in the light of what was said on Thurs.

I was not surprised by W's comment - it was all a bit too
theoretical to be taken seriously. The one thing that did sadden me was the
pathetic response of both him & R. that I should publ. my rev. elsewhere. If it was
such rubbish as R. said, & they had as they insisted my best interests I must
surely it wd have been best to issue a friendly caution ag. publ'g. at all.

I was left v. unhappy about the rev. - not for its sake, but I
can publish much more quickly than the QJ could take it on. I think they
genu. regard'd it as a solid & fair, & when were persuaded to drop it for
someone did not want it to appear. I can see how they wd. feel, but I am a
nonentity, exp't. in this field, & they would be able to find plenty of eminent
scholars to say I was completely wrong. I am sure they thought they were doing
me a favour by suppressing my rev. But probably. They must have thought
they sh'd. not have done it.

I must thank you v. warmly for arranging the mtg. & for
getting some permission on W. behalf. I will keep you informed of progress - it
is almost entirely dependent on the mounting up, & alterations, but I hope not too
long. Yours
15/10.