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London, W.1., May 2, 1939  
Broadcasting House,

Dear Paton,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 18.

The suggestion you make is obviously of great importance and deserving of the fullest consideration. I am sure you will realize that it is not from any lack of sympathy with the objective if I say that I feel the B.B.C. cannot commit itself on this matter in advance. Much would depend, not only upon the ipsissima verba, but upon the trend of events at the particular time of issue. We have to be most careful to avoid anything which might be misinterpreted as propaganda, or might adversely affect the position of Christian communities in other countries. We do not want inadvertently to encourage throwing Christians to the lions.

We are carefully considering the introduction into our European broadcasts of general talks upon Christianity, emphasizing fundamental Christian truths such as the universality of the Church or the divine command to love our enemies. If you have any further ideas on this matter, I hope very much that you will write to me again.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) F. W. Ogilvie.

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