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Dr. T.H. Raddall,  
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Dear Dr. Raddall,

Hearing your voice on the radio yesterday reminded me that I had not yet written to you to thank you. I'm deeply indebted to you in a number of ways.

While writing The Sixth of December I learned much from your autobiography and from Halifax. I tried to convey the feeling of the city during the war in the book. I'm also indebted to you for helping me to make a decision about my life as a writer. You made it as a writer, without government grants, in tougher times than these. I admire your courage - and it helped me to decide to take the same tack. I have not taken a government grant for my writing - and never will. Somehow, one can speak more freely when you are not indebted to government - and you have to work harder and become better at your craft. I see so many people who want to become writers - tomorrow, without working at the craft.

I consider myself fortunate to have read your autobiography at just the write time in my writing career.

In respect and gratitude,

Yours Sincerely,

  
Jim Lotz

p.s. I enclose a copy of The Sixth of December - it's now out of print.