



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

29 February 1952

Mr. Eric Jones
GCHQ

Dear Eric:

Receipt of the announcement of your appointment to succeed Sir Edward, although by no means taking us by surprise, calls for my most sincere congratulations and three hearty cheers for the new leader of GCHQ.

I count myself among those fortunate to have first-hand acquaintance with you and to have had opportunity to know how well-qualified you are for the heavy responsibilities which lie ahead of you.

Sir Edward, soon to leave for a well-earned rest, has left something of a target for your marksmanship, but I know that you are going to make a desperate effort to attain and perhaps even to surpass his high score.

The certainty of a continuance of good relations in our endeavors of mutual concern is a source of deep satisfaction. If there is ever anything I can do to assist or to help you at this end in any way, within my very limited sphere of influence, toward the maintenance of those good relations, I hope that you will call upon me.

With cordial greetings and most earnest wishes for a very successful future as Director, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Consultant