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Mr. Larry Clark
Chief, NSA Europe
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Dear Larry:

I just learned yesterday or the day before that General Ackerman is to be in Frankfurt at or about the very same time I was planning to be with you and it occurs to me that you, Colonel Peterson, and Colonel Clark might prefer not to have two high-level NSA Headquarters visitors on hand simultaneously. I can change my itinerary easily enough if that will suit your convenience; I could make my ETA in Frankfurt after General Ackerman has left.

I don't want you or anybody to plan any entertainment for me or on my behalf -- I'd prefer peace, quiet, and time to talk leisurely with my friends and colleagues. Tell Colonel Peterson and Colonel Clark that, please, and ask them on my behalf to follow suit. Same applies to any visits I might make to some of your or their outfits. Tell them, please, I'm a man with simple tastes and in no need for any razzle dazzle in my social life.

I'll be in touch with you by telephone either from Paris on arrival on 19 February or from Zug.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN