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MR. WM. F. FRIEDMAN,
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20 NOVEMBER 1944

DEAR COLONEL SINKOV:

RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF 15 OCTOBER WITH ITS ENCLOSURE IS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED. I REALLY APPRECIATE BEING PUT ON THE MAILING LIST FOR THE SIGAFFE CLANOR. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE A HAND IN GETTING THIS INTERESTING JOURNAL OUT UNDER YOUR DIRECTION.

THE ONLY SUGGESTION I HAVE TO MAKE IS THAT A COMPLETE FILE BE KEPT WITH THE HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE SIS SO THAT WHEN THOSE RECORDS COME BACK NO ISSUES WILL BE MISSING. YOU ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN HAVING THE FACILITIES TO PRINT SUCH A NICE JOURNAL.

WITH MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS TO ALL, I AM,

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN.

COLONEL ABRAHAM SINKOV
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Mr. Wm. F. Friedman
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26 OCTOBER 1944

DEAR ABE:

FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU MOST HEARTILY UPON YOUR PROMOTION. YOU ARE THE FIRST OF "MY BOYS" TO HAVE ATTAINED THIS HIGH STATUS, AND I AM MIGHTY WELL PLEASED. I HOPE THAT THE OTHERS WHO JOINED ME IN THE EARLY DAYS WILL SOON ALSO REACH THAT EMINENCE.

YOUR LETTER OF 3 OCTOBER REACHED ME PROMPTLY AND NOT ONLY I BUT SEVERAL OTHERS FOUND THE LITTLE ENCLOSURE OF DEEP INTEREST. IT CAME AT A MOST OPPORTUNE TIME AS THE SUBJECT JUST THEN WAS ON THE GRIDDLE. I HOPE THAT THE PLAN WILL PRODUCE GREAT DIVIDENDS.

I HEAR INDIRECTLY ABOUT DELIA AND AM VERY HAPPY TO NOTE THAT SHE IS MAKING RAPID PROGRESS. WE HOPE THAT SHE WILL SOON BE BACK WITH US.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING ABOUT THE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES IS MOST ENCOURAGING. EVERYBODY IS QUITE EXCITED AT THE SPEED OF EVENTS IN YOUR DIRECTION. IT IS BEGINNING TO LOOK AS THOUGH THE ENEMY IS DEFINITELY ON THE RUN AND IS BEING PUSHED BACK MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN ANYBODY ANTICIPATED TWO YEARS AGO.

PLEASE GIVE MY VERY BEST GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY. IT WAS NICE TO HAVE LAWRENCE HERE AND I EXPECT TO SEE HIM TONIGHT AT A PARTY. HE IS A CHANGED LAD AND ALL TO THE GOOD WHICH PLEASES ME IMMENSELY.

WITH VERY BEST REGARDS FROM ALL OF US HERE, I AM,

SINCERELY,

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~SIGNAL SECURITY AGENCY~~

TO Date 19 Oct 44 FROM

- _____ Commanding Officer ✓
- _____ Asst. Commandant
- ✓ _____ Dir. of Com. Research
- _____ Administrative Officer
- _____ Chief, I & L Branch
- _____ Chief, A Branch
- _____ Chief, B Branch
- _____ Chief, C Branch
- _____ Chief, D Branch
- _____ Chief, E Branch
- _____ Chief, F Branch
- _____ Chief, G Branch
- _____ Dir. of Training
- _____ 2nd Sig. Sv. Bn.

_____ Comments & Return

_____ Information (&)

_____ Signature, if approved

Col. Clarke was quite interested in the CBB project.

WPC

~~TOP SECRET~~

CENTRAL BUREAU
BASE THREE*Mr. Friedman*A.F.O. 923
3 October 1944

Mr. William F. Friedman,
Signal Security Agency,
Office of the Chief Signal Officer,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am most grateful for your complimentary letter regarding the award of the Legion of Merit. I have passed it on to the other five winners of the award who are all greatly pleased with your mention of their names.

I also gave your regards to General Akin who was pleased to receive them and who asked me to pass on his thanks. He said that he is still hopeful of being able to arrange for you to visit this theater. Unfortunately the moment is not quite ripe. He added, with a smile, that if the delay were much longer you would probably not come to Australia, but would more likely visit us in Manila.

I am inclosing for your special interest a copy of one of the General's latest ideas in Type A cryptanalysis. This is not yet the final form that will be employed, but is an indication of what we are aiming at. The most important change contemplated is the replacement of the sample pages by artificial samples not corresponding to any actual material. Erskine and I both derived considerable pleasure from the development of this little project and as for Colonel Aurell, he was tickled beyond description.

Please say hello for me to Mrs. Friedman and to the children who I trust are all well and happy.

Abe Sinkov

1 Incl.
As indicated above.

SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
BASE THREE

A.P.O. 923
15 October 1944

Mr. William F. Friedman
Arlington Hall Station
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Several of our men who were in journalistic work before the war have been preparing a unit newspaper which shows definite merit. It has reached the stage now of becoming a regular publication and will probably appear twice a month from now on. I am inclosing a copy of the current issue for your interest and will arrange for future copies to be sent to you.

The editorial staff would welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have.

Sincerely,



A. SINKOV,
Colonel, Signal Corps.

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As above

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11 SEPTEMBER 44

DEAR ABE:

DELIA STOPPED IN THIS MORNING TO GIVE ME THE GRAND NEWS ABOUT THE AWARDING OF THE LEGION OF MERIT TO YOU AND TO THE FIVE OTHERS--CLARK, GERHARD, HALPIN, MAHRT, AND RICHARDS. I HASTEN TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO ALL THE REST WHO WERE SO HONORED MY VERY SINCERE AND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS. THE AWARD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, AND IN MAKING IT TELLS IN A FEW WORDS WHAT IT WOULD TAKE VOLUMES TO EXPRESS. WE ARE ALL VERY HAPPY AT THE NEWS.

EVERYTHING IS GOING ALONG PRETTY WELL HERE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING CLARK WITHIN A FEW DAYS AND HE CAN BRING US UP TO DATE ON NEWS FROM YOUR QUARTER.

PLEASE GIVE MY VERY BEST REGARDS TO EVERYBODY AND ESPECIALLY TO GENERAL AKIN.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN.