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23 MARCH 1945.

DEAR HUGH:

I WAS VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOUR INTERESTING LETTER OF 24 FEBRUARY, TOGETHER WITH THE POCKETBOOK CONTAINING THE STORY BY REX STOUT. I HAD NEVER ENCOUNTERED THIS VERY AMUSING BIT OF RESEARCH AND I AM EXTREMELY WELL PLEASED TO HAVE IT. NO DOUBT I WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE ITEM EFFECTIVELY IN SOME SKIT CONCERNING THE SHAKESPEARE-BACON CIPHERS.

I AM SURE THAT WE ALL ENJOYED YOUR VISIT VERY MUCH AND WE WERE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU WITH US EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FOR ONLY SO SHORT A TIME.

THE MOVING WHICH YOU EXPECTED TO DO SHOULD BE OVER BY THIS TIME AND I HOPE EVERYTHING IS GOING FORWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST EXPECTATIONS.

PLEASE GIVE MY VERY BEST TO EVERYBODY AND TELL THEM I HOPE TO SEE THEM SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE.

WITH MANY THANKS FOR THE BOOK AND CORDIAL GREETINGS,  
I AM

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN.

SECRET

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TO

DATE

*9 Mar*

FROM

- Commanding Officer *WPC*
- Assistant Commandant
- Dir of Comm Research
- Control O
- Fiscal O
- Administrative O
- Post Adjutant
- Intelligence O
- Provost Marshal
- 2nd Sig Serv Bn
- Chief, Pers & Tng Div
- Chief, Pers Br
- Chief, Tng Br
- O/C Officer Pers Sec
- Chief, Oper Serv Div
- Chief, Communications Br
- Chief, Laboratory Br
- Chief, Machine Br
- Chief, Supply Br
- O/C, SSA Mail Unit
- Chief, Security Div
- Chief, Protective Sec Br
- Chief, Cryptographic Br
- Chief, Development Br
- Chief, Intelligence Div
- Chief, Language Br
- Chief, Mil Cryptanalytic Br
- Chief, Gen Cryptanalytic Br
- Chief, T/A and Control Br
- Chief, I & L Br

- As discussed
- As requested
- Comments and return
- Information and file
- Information and forwarding
- Information and return
- Recommendation
- See note on reverse
- Signature if approved
- Your action

*Ever seen this letterhead?*

*To: Never did. I wonder whether gen A. approved.*



SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

24 February  
1940

Dear Friedman —

I rather feel that you are the purification of that now tremendous organization of which we are all a part and to which we owe so much for the associations we enjoy. I want therefore to pass on to you my thanks for the really fine hospitality I enjoyed so much at Arlington Hall last month.

Everything was much as we had left it when we arrived in Brisbane gone week ago today. I find, however, that the men



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we had but added to  
our rolls when I left  
are now virtually seasoned  
actions. We are all  
eagerly looking forward  
to our move to P. I. and  
the headaches of moving  
by echelon with a minimum  
of disruption in our <sup>current</sup>  
production.

Abe went forward to  
Luzon last night to make  
final arrangements. He  
should be back in 3 weeks  
and then probably in a  
month the move will get  
under way.



## SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

I am attaching  
herewith the book I  
mentioned to you as  
containing an interesting  
item by Prof Stout,  
Watson was a woman.

Please give my best  
regards to all

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