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My dear Professor Crenshaw:

I hope you will forgive me for the long delay in answering your letter of 4 August 1949.

It seems to me that by consultation with the Watson Computing Laboratories at Columbia University, New York, N.Y. you might obtain all the help you require on your problem.

Should your problem involve a bit more than can be solved by punched card means, those Laboratories have equipment for this purpose. But in the event more complex methods are necessary, I am sure that they would be glad to direct you to the proper place to have the work done, or they might even make the necessary arrangements.

With reference to the computer employed by the Department of the Army, that piece of equipment known as the ENIAC is controlled and operated by the Ordnance Department at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Correspondence with Aberdeen should disclose possibility of its use in your project and any other pertinent information.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd)

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Mr. William F. Friedman
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On March 4, 1949, you replied to my letter of inquiry regarding my interest in the quantitative analysis of prose style. Since then I have continued my investigation in the subject and I am now working on a Carnegie Foundation grant, making specific application of my study to the prose style of the Federalist Papers. At present I am very eager to make some arrangements for the use of the electronic numerical integrator and computer employed by the War Department, and I wondered if you are in a position to tell me the best way to arrange for this. My Carnegie grant could be increased to cover any necessary costs.

Very sincerely yours,

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