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1. October 1958

Dear Boris:

I have an apology to make for my being so dilatory in replying to your letter of 30 August (again you made a lapsus calmi and wrote "Sept" instead of "August"); and especially do I owe an apology for not immediately acknowledging receipt of your birthday greetings of 20 September which touched me because you and Annie remembered it.

I got this far with this letter when the door bell rang and Bo suddenly presented himself at the door to bring me some literature regarding the Siemens Teleprinter 37H with cryptographic attachment CA, and with a copy of Dr. Hell's brochure of June 1958 entitled: Fernschreib-Chiffrieranlage für On-line-Betrieb, together with a photograph of the latest version of Hell's apparatus. All of these things are interesting to add to my collection; I had Bo autograph them, as usual in the case of documents which are for my library, even though he's not their author.

While he was here, the only thing which was discussed either of a personal or of a business nature was your proposed visit to the U.S. to celebrate, on this side rather than on the other, Annie's forthcoming birthday. Bo said that he had just written a letter asking that you give some details of your projected trip and I told him that I would add my own request for this when I was acknowledging receipt of your birthday greetings. I did not tell him, because he apparently does not yet know, that your original plan was to come here for the birthday party on 1 December but that it may have to be changed to sometime in February; I did not want to get into a discussion as to why you have been considering this postponement.

To return to your letter of 30 August, written from Fryksås, thank you for the information contained therein about Gunnar's second boy whose christening I suppose you attended on 8 September.

It was in that letter that you told me that you were thinking about coming over early in February instead of December and you indicated that you had heard from Margårta and Ingrid who felt that it would be difficult for them to leave their children. In this connection, when I told this to Bo, first on the occasion of his visit on 12 September and also during his visit this morning, he indicated that he had not been consulted by you as to whether he and Edith could come to Zug for the birthday celebration; he implied that you simply assumed that they would come; he added that you

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appeared to assume that Edith's mother would be willing to come and be baby-sitter while Edith and he went to Zug. I tell you this not with an idea of stirring up any friction but to indicate which way the coolish breeze is still blowing.

I am glad to know that you felt quite well when you wrote your letter, except for the old bladder trouble, and I hope that the check-up at the hospital where Karl Wilhelm works, before you left for Zug, turned out to be favorable. At least since you went for a holiday to Badenweiler you must be pretty well; I hope you won't have to undergo an operation.

I have still not received the translation of the paper by Professor Stiefel, nor have I any comments to offer on your paper and sketch which accompanied the Professor's brochure, but please be patient. Something will be forthcoming soon, I hope. I may make an inquiry to see how this matter stands. You will remember that I told you I was not going to be in close touch with your business affairs for a while at least. For this reason, I have little comment to offer on your statement that you had a couple of talks with John on the 17th and 18th of September and that you think you both made some progress. I can only say that I do hope that things will terminate to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

It occurs to me that you might be wondering what was the subject of, or occasion for, Bo's visit to me on 12 September. I feel that he made the visit to renew friendship, since he had been away for much of the summer and just wanted to talk a bit. I took the opportunity however to address a question or two, and to guide the conversation in a manner which might yield information of interest in connection with his position in regard to the patent rights you promised him on the new pocket machine. I received the distinct impression that he plans to take full advantage of the gift you made him orally in this regard. More than this I do not think it advisable to say at this time, except that you may draw certain inferences from this.

With affectionate greetings to you both and with hopes that you've been having a grand holiday at Badenweiler, I am,

Sincerely,

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