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Dear Boris:

I hasten to answer your letter of August 16 (you dated it "Sept"; "Is time hanging heavy on your hands?" That's what the psychoanalysts would ask!). Besides, I owe an answer to your letter of 8 August; also I owe you my thanks for the fine Ektachromes which I am having printed in enlarged form. They look very fine as negatives.

In your letter of 28 July you told of going to Sundsvik "in order to take a first peek at our newest grandchild--a boy" -- I'm not sure I sent my sincere congratulations; if I didn't--well here they are and all of you take a bow: Annie and you, Kerstin and Gunnar, and the new boy. You didn't tell me his name, by the way. Maybe it hadn't been selected when you wrote your letter. How are the boy and mother? Well, I hope.

Toward the close of that letter you say: "I do hope that you are right with regard to Bo and Barlow, but please let me know as soon as you can, the result of your inquiries." In answering your letter I told you that I'd not been very successful in finding out what you'd like to know; but since then I've been more successful, and I think you will be glad to learn that I was told that the relationship is said to be of a purely social nature. I have no reason to doubt the truth of the report.

Now for some comment on your letter of 8 August. First, thank you very much for the technical report by Prof. Stiefel, which looks interesting but will have to be translated. That will be undertaken and I see no reason why a copy of the translation couldn't be sent you--but this I can't promise for reasons which I'm sure you'll understand in view of what I told you in my last letter.

I come now to your last letter, that dated September 16 but really of August 16, and the specific points you bring up in it. As to the first,

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[REDACTED] More than this I can't tell you at the moment--but please be patient. Things are going along all right, I am given to understand, and I won't be far away, even if only on the sidelines.

We are both working hard. We have a paper in preparation on Chaucer studies, requested by the Editor of Medium Aevum, a journal published at Oxford and devoted solely to medieval works. We also have a paper in preparation for the Philological Quarterly, requested by the Editor. This will be along the lines of our book but devoted to ciphers other than Shakespeare-Bacon ones.

We are planning to go ahead with our Yucatan visit, our study of Spanish, and our study or rather our preparations for the study of the Maya hieroglyphic writing.

I am working on a contract for NSA. Also am giving a lecture before a special group there on 8 September. In between times, I answer scores of letters, I am chief preventive maintenance man and engineer-in-chief of our establishment at 31 1/2 Second St. I read the newspapers; a book or two; and keep at least three balls in the air without dropping any. I'm busy--and content--and well. Elisebeth is standing up under the strain pretty well--she's in on most everything we're writing now and while I have the engineering job she has the housekeeping and restricted-diet meal-production job to do.

We join in hoping that your plans for a fine reunion in Sweden to celebrate Annis's birthday will come out beautifully. Since that celebration is due on 1 December, the weather should be nice and I hope you all have a marvelous time. We'll try not to forget the date! Not forget as we did on the occasion of your own last birthday!

Affectionately,

Mr. Boris Hagelin
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