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Comdr. A. G. Denniston
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My dear Denniston:

It has taken me a long time to get around to replying to your very cordial letter of the 8th of March brought over by Colonel Tiltman, but it is not because I haven't been thinking about you.

Tiltman has told me some of the details of the present organization and I hope that you have found it more congenial and less onerous to be in London. I dare say that one of the immediate consequences of the change in the picture will be that you now find considerably more time to devote to the purely diplomatic problems and doubtless there will be much benefit from your closer supervision over this field. It is something that I would like to do also.

Your suggestion regarding French, Italian and South American work seems most logical and I hope that there can be a full interchange of technical information and results thereon.

We are soon to be in the throes of moving our establishment a short distance out of Washington and for a time there may be a slight interruption in certain work but this should not be long drawn out nor severe. We did not go quite so far out as you went when B.P. was selected, for we are going only about a half dozen miles away from our present location. We have nice grounds and a good size brick structure to begin with but doubtless we shall find it necessary to add temporary structures.

I personally enjoyed Colonel Tiltman's visit exceedingly. You may perhaps know that he was a most welcome guest at our home for a few days, as he found accommodations practically impossible to obtain after a return from a short visit to Canada. The two of us therefore had a good deal of time in the evenings to discuss matters of mutual interest and I found his company most enjoyable. In addition, of course, we had a great deal of help

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from his being here and the exchange of ideas was most beneficial.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of my reply to Baudouin's letter. I suppose that by this time he has practically completed his translation and I hope that he will be able to find a publisher. It is too bad that the red tape involved in trying to get him a small royalty forced us to abandon the project which I had mentioned.

I have been playing a bit of golf; in fact, I should say I have played the whole winter through at least once a week and sometimes twice. Thank you so much for your very cordial invitation to test some of your courses if it is ever decided that I am to come over to visit. Please let me also assure you of my sincere appreciation of your offer of hospitality.

With cordial greetings from both Mrs. Friedman and myself,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman
Head Cryptanalyst

P.S. Do you have quite complete records which go back to 1918 - copies of decodes, for example, of German material? It would be highly interesting to us if you had. Please let me know.

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