

16 August 1956

Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
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Sweden

Dear Boris:

Thank you for your very nice letter of 7 August which arrived quite promptly.

I am glad that you were pleased with the photograph of Elizebeth and myself and with the few words above our signatures. What we need now is a joint photograph of Annie and you. Maybe you have something of that nature already which you could send us, also suitably autographed.

It was good to hear about your enjoyment of the place at Dalecarlia and we can well imagine how the youngest generation enjoyed being out in the country.

I was very glad to get word from you about the various matters of technical interest. First of all let me tell you that Dr. Shirm's replacement is somebody who is known to you, namely, Mr. Howard Barlow. He is, as you are perhaps well aware, a very competent and technical man and he will understand your language and you will understand his language. I talked with Mr. Barlow and he told me he had sent you a letter on 30 July and if it has not gone astray it should certainly have reached you by this time. I am glad that you have communicated the items of information in this long paragraph in your letter to me and I have taken the liberty of turning over a copy of that paragraph to Mr. Barlow. He has told me that he will write you again very soon and may have some comments to make on what you say. I have a feeling that it would be mutually advantageous if Mr. Barlow payed you a visit soon in order not only to discuss the status of the "Gentlemen's agreement" but also to see at first hand the progress which you report in the development of your new devices and machines.

It is my recollection that Egypt was your territory. How is it then that Siemens are offering certain equipment? Incidentally, in connection with this, have you any idea as to what Siemens proposes for the manufacture of the random tape?

If you know of any recent developments in regard to the manufacturing plant that the French were planning to establish, or of any other developments in the what they have been thinking of doing, I would be glad to learn of them.

We have not yet had the opportunity or time to make the proposed visit to Bo and Edith, concerning which I wrote you in my letter of 8 August.

As stated in my letter, I wrote to the Encyclopaedia Britannica and I inclose herewith a copy of the reply they sent me. I hope this will be satisfactory.

My health continues to improve, indeed, to the point where Elizebeth has felt that she could leave me for a week or two in the care of Barbara, who is staying with us.

Elizebeth joins me in reciprocating our love and affectionate regards.

Sincerely,

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