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Dear Boris:

Thank you for your letter of 13 September. We are glad that Elizebeth's article proved interesting to you. At RCA I have already initiated the preliminary work leading to the processing of the material by their latest electronic computer and data-processing machinery. At this stage a very small working party is assisting me in deciding upon what are the basic, different characters in this Mss. (this isn't too easy, by the way) and in formulating the steps to be taken after that has been decided. The problem looks a bit difficult but not impossible. My theory of solution still looks hopeful.

The story of your summer in Sweden was interesting. I remember Mr. Edström of course and perhaps the fact that "he could still drink both you and myself under the table" accounts for his attaining the ripe old age of 92.

I hope your trip home via Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Kiel and Bonn was pleasant, and that you found things in Zug in good shape. Back again home must have felt pretty good, for you do have such a lovely place in Zug.

Yes, we are both still keeping very busy with all sorts of affairs. I am now consultant to RCA on four different projects and this alone has me doing things to the point where Elizebeth complains that I am overdoing. I am now inclined to agree with her because in the last few days I've been feeling pretty tired, so have slowed down somewhat. Of course, I lose about two to four hours nearly every day because I must walk several miles each day, according to my physician, to overcome a circulatory problem in my right leg. The exercise has helped a good deal but I guess this exercise will have to be continued not only for that difficulty but for good health all 'round, keeping weight down (by not eating too much), giving the heart some steady work to do, etc. I haven't given up smoking cigarettes entirely yet but have turned toward smoking cigars--these haven't yet aroused much argument among the pros and cons of smoking.

You ask "Why not try to route your next European Voyage via the Nice airport?" Well, at the moment I don't have any plans

for a European visit but you can't tell. RCA may have something in mind. I am most anxious to visit with you and Annie again -- it seems such a long time ago that we spent some time together -- and I would, of course, like to see the several things you have accomplished in your plant in Zug.

About those Russian books, I won't trouble your brother yet, as I have found a more direct way of acquiring them, I think. But if that turns out not to be so, then I'll certainly try your brother Wolecja.

My Shakespeare paper ought to be ready for distribution any week now, as I went over the galley proof a couple of months ago. You'll certainly be among the first to receive a copy.

More and more books on intelligence seem to be coming out now. One with the amusing title Burn after reading reminds me of a rubber stamp someone had made which he used on "trash." It said "Burn before reading." What can you tell me as to titles of new and important European books on the same subject? I like to keep up with the new things in foreign countries as well as in this country.

My 71st birthday, on 24 September, was spent without any observance or formality because I worked at the office all day. Not that I want to suppress the fact that I am growing old-- but that I just don't go in much for that sort of thing as regards myself. I like to observe such holidays for others.

Elizebeth's article has aroused interest pretty nearly everywhere and letters keep coming. BBC had a piece on its "Today" program about a week after the article was published by the Washington Post. And I've already received a letter from one of the big publishing firms in London, asking me to do a book on the subject for them--even before success or failure has been established for the attempt to solve that old Mss.

Well, enough for now. I have a whole lot of correspondence to attend to--in between working days at my RCA office.

Love to Annie and affectionate greetings to you,