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Mr. Henry E. Langen
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Dear Mr. Langen:

More than two months have passed since my letter of 24 February 1954 and I do not want you to think that I decided to "forget" about your request by filing it.

My difficulty in getting a definite answer for you in respect to your request is that, as you perhaps are well aware, the security classification RESTRICTED was eliminated some months ago by Executive Order and unforeseen complications have arisen as a result. Now, the extension courses were RESTRICTED in security classification but with the elimination of that classification they have had to be made CONFIDENTIAL. It happens that the rules for safeguarding CONFIDENTIAL material include, among other things, the requirement that such material be stored in a three-combination safe and also that this safe and the premises in which it is kept must be inspected by some authority having the power to do so. I would not want to put you to all of the trouble that would be involved by the foregoing, as long as there seemed to be a hope of some revision of the policy with respect to the security classification CONFIDENTIAL. But to date the expected revision has not materialized; hence you will understand the delay in giving you a definite answer. Please continue to be patient; I will let you know as soon as I know the answer.

My attention has been called to the April-May 1954 issue of "The Cryptogram" with its front cover and the third note on the last page, pertaining to the front cover art. Would it be at all possible for you to send me a set of these reproductions to see whether there are any people around here who might be interested. If not, I could return the set in as good a condition as received.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN