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Cmdr. E. W. Travis  
GC & CS

Dear Travis:

I am sending you through Major Stevens a copy of Mr. Friedman's recently completed report on E operations which he observed on his tour through your establishment. I hope that you will find this report of some interest. I have read it attentively and feel that I am in a position better to comprehend and to evaluate what I will see of those same operations when I visit HP.

On his return from England, Mr. Friedman had a good deal to say in praise of your E operations; in fact, he thinks that your success in this field represents the most astounding and the most important cryptanalytic and intelligence achievement in all history. His enthusiastic account of what he saw has filled me with great anticipation. I am eager to see the show with my own eyes and I know I shall not be disappointed.

Knowing the extreme importance of maintaining the strictest security of this document, only six copies were produced, one for you and five for retention here. These will be carefully safeguarded and will have the most limited distribution. No one will be permitted access to a copy unless it is required in connection with his work and then only that part which he needs will be shown to him. I hope this arrangement will be entirely satisfactory to you and your Chief.

In closing this note to you I wish to indicate officially our deep appreciation of the many courtesies shown Mr. Friedman and especially of the way in which, in a spirit of wholehearted cooperation, the doors were thrown open to him to learn and to bring back highly secret information of supreme importance to you and of great value to us.

Sincerely yours,

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