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Dear Boris,

I find I have not yet answered your letter of 20 August, 1967, written at Sundsvik. It is hardly necessary for me to say that the Farago book and the The Chicago Tribune edition of December 7, 1966 both aroused my complete contempt. They had a few nice things to say about me, but that does not alter my opinion. They misrepresent facts; they are just using their unbridled and Farago and uneducated imagination. The Tribune are completely contemptible because they try to blacken the names of persons no longer able to answer them.

The C.C. Hiles mentioned in Farago is not the Chiles you met--or I certainly would not have had you meet the latter, who is a real gentleman. I do not know the man named as C.C. Hiles and I would not care to meet him under any circumstances.

Farago made desperate attempts to talk with me and to meet me, but with no success. He did not EVER serve in U.S. Naval Intelligence and he was never permitted to enter the Inner Sanctum of the Army or Navy, either one. In fact he did not become an American citizen until 1951--and I am not guessing. All he did was to advise Secretary Knox and a certain branch of the U.S. Navy in regard to matters pertaining to psychological warfare--and on this point I am not guessing, either.

I hope you are managing to maintain good health and good spirits. My best regards to Sture and to all the members of your family.

Affectionately,

Bill

Dear Boris:

I find that I have not as yet answered your letter of 20 August 1967, written from Sundsvik. It is hardly necessary for me to say that the Farago book and the Chicago Tribune edition of 7 December 1966 both aroused my complete contempt, ~~not~~ because they had so few nice things to say about me, naturally, but because they misrepresent facts about which they are just using their ^{unbridled} and uneducated imagination. ~~and~~ The Tribune articles are completely contemptible because they try to blacken the names of people no longer able to answer them.

No, ^{the} C.C. Hiles, ^{mentioned in Farago and in the Chicago Tribune} is not the Chilean you met, or I would certainly not have had you meet the latter, who is a real gentleman. I do not know the man named C.C. Hiles and I would not care to meet him under any circumstances. Farago made desperate attempts to talk with me or to meet me but he met with no success, ^{whatever}. He did not ever serve in U.S. Naval Intelligence and he was never permitted to enter the Inner Sanctum of either the Navy or the Army. In fact he did not become an American citizen until 1951 - and I'm not guessing. All he did was to advise Secretary Knox and a certain branch of the U.S. Navy in regard to matters pertaining to psychological warfare - and on this, ^{point} I am not guessing either.

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book on the subject of cryptology has come out, and although the official date of publication is 21 Sept I have a copy, which Bo loaned us, (1967), I am sorry to have to say to you quite frankly that he is ^{nothing but,} a conceited young upstart and that your seeing him and entertaining him with your usual courtesy ~~will~~ may bring you nothing but harm despite the fact that he says only nice things about you. If Kahn ever attempts to see or talk with ^{again} me, I will simply throw him out of the house, bodily. So far as I am concerned he is dead, despite the many fulsome tributes he pays to Elizabeth and me in his book, which is entitled The Codebreakers. He may make a lot of money out of it ^{but} I hope he chokes on every dollar of its financial returns. His airs of ^{cryptologic} omniscience are utterly disgusting and ^{are} not well founded. He has never been a professional.

I hope you are managing to maintain good health and good spirits. My best regards to Stura and to all the members of your family.

Affectionately,