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Rear Admiral Joseph B. Redman, USN, Ret.
 Vice President
 Western Union Telegraph Company
 1405 G Street, N.W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Redman:

I quote the following from a personal letter dated 28 March 1953 from my friend Boris Hagelin of Zug, Switzerland:

"With regard to the Telekrypton, if it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate it if you could get me the information obtainable, also as to the price. Our interest is purely one of curiosity, and we would buy the machines only if the price is low enough."

Mr. Hagelin, as you probably are well aware, is the head of the firm that manufactures crypto-devices. The firm's headquarters used to be in Stockholm and still may be there, although the headquarters of a new subsidiary is now in Zug. I may add that in all our dealings with Mr. Hagelin he has demonstrated a high order of integrity and trustworthiness.

I will be glad to forward any information you may be able to obtain as to the prices, shipping costs, etc., of one or both of the Telekrypton machines I understand are still available. On the other hand, should you or Western Union wish to correspond directly with him, a letter addressed as follows will reach him:

Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
 Zug
 Switzerland

Thanking you for your courtesy, and with cordial greetings,
 I am,

Sincerely,

cc: AG
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