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Dear Mrs. MacKay:

I return herewith the prints of the two new illustrations which will accompany my article CODES AND CIPHERS.

The print of Fig. 9 requires a small correction which I have indicated thereon; the letters F and E should be interchanged in position on the 1st wheel only. However, I think it would improve the picture to add the letters I show on the two tapes in the print. These letters would make clear to the reader that on one tape the machine prints the plain text; on the other tape, the cipher text. I hope this addition will not cause too much trouble; if it does, just forget it.*

As regards Fig. 12, the print is quite correct, but here again, if the letters I have added can be shown on the tapes, the picture would be improved.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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* The letters I have shown on the print are supposed to represent the plain text words THE QUICK and the equivalent cipher text KPBZI ..RX. The letter Z here enciphers the space between the words; the space beyond the I in the cipher indicates that the cipher text is automatically grouped in 5's; the dots in this explanation represent letters which are hidden under the cutting bar.