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310 Second Street, S.E.
Washington 3, D. C.

3 December 1954

Mr. Boris C.W. Hagelin
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Dear Boris:

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 November, which was a bit delayed in reaching me because of a typing error you made in the address on the envelope. You wrote "210" instead of "310," and our postmen around here are not too bright.

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When I was with Bo and Edith last September, there was a plan for Edith to take the children this winter or early spring of 1955 to the U.S. for a visit with their grandparents on this side of the Atlantic. Is the plan materializing? If so, is there a possibility that Bo would come along with them? Naturally, I wouldn't want to miss him by being in Europe myself at the same time that he is over here, as I assume that he would come to Washington, too, if only to visit with Art and Ingrid.

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Both Elizabeth and I have been working quite long hours, trying to finish up the book--the finishing touches are many, sometimes annoying or bothersome, but have to be done.

As I told you in my last letter, the Britannica article was found acceptable, despite my going much beyond the limits of length set by them (6,000 words). I went beyond 8,500, and certainly expected a strenuous objection from them. Imagine my astonishment and pleasure when, instead of a stern request to cut it to the length stipulated, they not only accepted the article but also followed up the acceptance by one of the shortest but nicest letters I ever received. That will explain why I am so immodest as to show below a copy of the Britannica letter for your information and possible pleasure in anticipation of receipt of the copy of the article. I am going to ask them for a few actual reprints or "offsets" as they are called over here, and you shall have one, of course. Also, and of course, an autographed copy of our book--when, as, and if published!

I hope you all had a nice visit to Paris and Madrid. And, of course, Elizabeth and I both hope that you all will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love to Annie and affectionate greetings to you from both of us.

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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23
1954

Mr. William F. Friedman
310 Second Street, S.E.
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have always felt that the article CODES AND CIPHERS was a "showpiece" of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and after reading your new revision we feel this is so more than ever.

Sincerely yours,

John V. Dodge
Managing Editor

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