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Dear Colonel Lindt:

Upon my return from temporary duty overseas today I find your letter of 31 July which I hasten to answer.

First let me say how pleased I am to have a letter from you and to hear that you and your family are well and happy since your retirement in 1946.

The name of the gentleman who was the New York agent for the Hagelin Cryptograph Company is Stuart Hedden and his address is Merryall, New Milford, Connecticut. He retired from all active business connections in New York some years ago but has retained directorships in several corporations and devotes most of his time to the directorship of the financial affairs of Wesleyan University. I am in touch with him from time to time in a social way. It may be of interest to you to learn that during the last year of General Smith's directorship of the Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Hedden served under him as his Inspector General. Soon after Smith left CIA to become Under Secretary of State, Hedden resigned, as he said he would when he took the job, and returned to his home in Connecticut, which he maintained all the time he was in Washington.

I was glad to know of some of your movements before retiring and hope that you are finding life interesting even though you may not be on the active list any longer. It would appear that your assignment to review a part of the history of the MID reflects a continuing interest in the Army and an appreciation by the people here that you are still able to make a contribution.

With very best regards from Mrs. Friedman and myself, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN