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Mr. Henry E. Langen
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Dear Mr. Langen:

Receipt of your letter of 18 May is acknowledged.

Please do not go to any extensive trouble about the set of pictures, but if it is possible to let me see a set, I would be very glad to take a look.

The only way in which I can give you any advice with regard to the proposed article describing the M-9 device would be if your member wrote the thing up and sent it to you so you could forward it to me. I am not able to answer the question you raised in a final way, but may say at this moment that some things have, of course, been published about that device and its antecedents in literature which formerly was classified RESTRICTED. However, since the elimination of that classification I would not know what the answer would be as to the advisability of publishing the article until I see it in manuscript form.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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