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Dear Boris:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 January. My plan now is to leave Washington by air on 11 February and to reach Zug sometime on the 12th or 13th of February. I would let you know by telephone or telegraph from Paris just when to expect my air arrival at Zurich Airport.

With reference to the order for the eleven C-52 machines. We are somewhat astonished to learn that you had not yet received the official order. Our letter to the Signal Corps authorities in Europe about this purchase left here on 8 December 1954. I am having this followed up and you may be sure the order will reach you soon, if it has not by the time this letter reaches you. In the meantime, we are desirous of having one C-52 machine as soon as possible, to play with and to continue our studies, but I would not want you to take one of the eleven machines mentioned above for this purpose. To do so would only get us into interminable difficulties with the Signal Corps people and this should be avoided by all means. Therefore, what I propose for your kind consideration is this: Could you lend us a C-52 just as soon as one becomes available even if it will slow up, to a small extent, the shipment of the eleven machines on order. This loan machine could be turned over to the Air Attache in Stockholm, who would see to its being forwarded by air express to me in Washington. This machine could be returned later on, together with the CX-52 on loan, or, if you prefer, we would keep the C-52 and send you a purchase order later on to cover it. Just as soon as I hear from you in this regard I will have the Air Attache appropriately notified and he can get in touch with Mr. Nyberg.

If the short operating instructions for the CX-52 can be sent to me now that will be fine. I presume that "the necessary notes with regard to the C-52 execution" are merely in the form of addendum to the instructions for operating the CX-52. In any case, whatever instructional material you have will be received with many thanks.

I alerted my friend with regard to the Candela book and he has promised to let me know early this coming week if he has one as he expects to open the boxes this week end.

I note what you say about the weather but I plan to bring you better stuff in that line. Affectionate greetings.

Sincerely,