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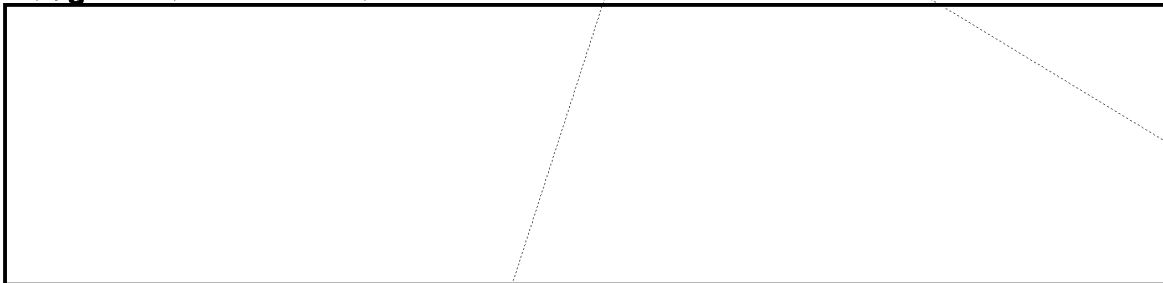
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Dear Bart:

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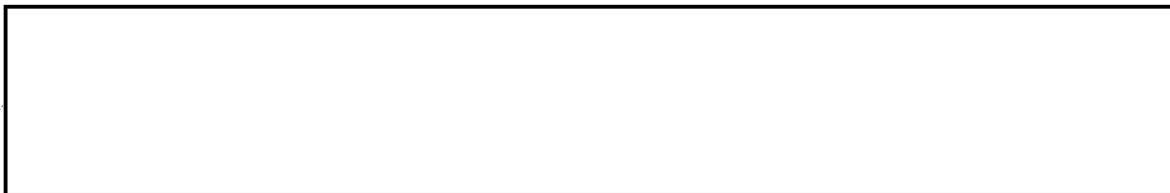
Today I was apprised of your receipt of a letter from Boris Hagelin Senior and was somewhat astonished that it should contain a



rather than get it secondhand -- unless, of course, he is "fishing."

My recommendation is one you certainly hardly need from me: tell him nothing about [redacted] and act surprised if he does ask, suggesting then to him that he go direct to the source for his information. He might ask you for an address, which would then show he is certainly embarked on a piscatorial expedition. "War Office" would be enough!

I have had a couple of letters recently from Hagelin Senior and there has been no hint whatsoever about a trip to London. This is another reason why I suspect that he plans to try to do some "fishing," for he usually tells me in advance of any trips that he is planning to make and the very fact that he has failed to do so in this case is in itself significant.



In closing, I want to say that it is possible that Mr. Hagelin did not quite express accurately what he had in mind to say to you,

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not only because the inference which I mention above (about a piscatorial expedition) is so foreign to what I know of his character and of his previous honest and "above-board" dealings with me, but also I know that he makes mistakes in typing. He may not have meant at all that he was going to try to get this information from you but from the [] people; and he wants to let you know he's going to be in town so as NOT to take you by surprise if he telephones. (Remember, he has the number from having phoned me at your office.)

I'm getting better fast!

Sincerely,

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P.S. I may have already told you that when Hagelin Jr. asked me last year who you are I instantly replied that you were our European representative on cryptographic matters; that since we had lots of troop formations in that part of the world, they had to have things provided them for cryptocommunications; and that you took care of that sort of things for us -- distribution of codes and ciphers, etc. That seemed completely to satisfy him. []

And, also, are you sure it's Hagelin Sr that is coming to London? I wonder if that couldn't be an error for Hagelin Jr, who was there before.

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