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Colonel Barton S. Pulling, USAF
SUSLO, London

Dear Bart:

I have done what you suggested in your letter of 6 October 1954 (Serial 00940), in re the [redacted] matter, and enclose for your information a copy of a letter which I am sending to [redacted] via [redacted] BLO here.

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I agree with you that what we do in this connection is to balance cultivating [redacted] against the inconvenience and possible irritation of our GCHQ friends. So, if you are consulted, don't hesitate to say that you know that so far as NSA folks are concerned, we by no means want anybody at GCHQ to feel that we want them urgently to agree to the proposal. I really mean what I say in the penultimate paragraph of my letter to [redacted].

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Special Assistant

Incl:

Cy ltr. to [redacted]
dtd 26 October 1954.

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REMARKS <i>Would appreciate your looking this over in advance of your visit to GCND. The subject will probably come up.</i>			
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Dear Josh:

[redacted], who is Professor of Statistics in the Department of Mathematics at Princeton University, and who is also on General Canine's Scientific Advisory Board, has a proposal I want to pass on to you.

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[redacted] has a very high opinion of [redacted] originality and thinking in the field of mathematical statistics, and he would like to invite [redacted] to come to Princeton to conduct a seminar on the subject for about six to eight weeks. [redacted] realizes that [redacted] would naturally have to be on a leave-without-pay status during the time he would be at Princeton but Princeton could reimburse [redacted] to that extent. However, there would remain the problem of transportation costs and [redacted] therefore suggested that perhaps the Princeton visit could be combined with a useful visit to NSA, in which event the cost of [redacted] transportation to the U.S. and return might be borne by NSA.

Do you think GCHQ would profit from a visit by [redacted] to NSA, for say three or four weeks some time in the autumn of 1955? I have checked personally with R. A. Leibler of NSA-34, who tells me that he and his associates would welcome a visit of any duration by [redacted]. This would be consistent with the present program of interchange of visits by working personnel.

I know that neither on your side nor on our side is it usual to ask for a specific person to come for a visit without a specific mission in mind; in fact, I realize that such a request would be unusual. But I feel that you will not think me brash in writing you personally on this subject if I tell you that I know that a formal proposal from the Director, [redacted] would be warmly received here and that I feel sure we could take care of [redacted] travel. If your response to my letter were favorable, I could notify Sam to proceed with his Princeton invitation to [redacted].

I know that [redacted] and that his absence for say three months would be felt. Naturally we would like to oblige [redacted] but appreciate that whatever decision is made it will be made with first thought given to the interests of GCHQ and the joint effort. Please do not hesitate, therefore, to be completely frank with me in your reply."

I hope you had a fine holiday with your family last August. You will recall that you took off on that holiday at the close of my visit to London

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and I didn't have the pleasure of seeing you on your return from holiday.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN



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