

January 22, 1948

Miss Belle Cumming
Riverbank
Geneva, Kane County, Illinois

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Dear Miss Cumming:

In going over a lot of material of former days and gathering together such material so that a detailed and accurate historical record can be written concerning what was done in those days, I am wondering whether there are any records left at Riverbank dealing with the cryptographic work done for the various governmental bureaus in the years 1917-21. If such records are still extant, could they be made available to me for examination?

There are some documents I remember and would particularly like to have. They would be very useful for historical purposes as showing important and excellent pieces of work done there.

I realize that Colonel Fabyan may have directed that all those records be destroyed. If that is the case, and they have already been destroyed, it would be rather unfortunate. I think the record of Riverbank accomplishments in the cryptographic field would be quite interesting and worth preserving.

Hoping this letter will find you and all my former associates in good health, and wishing you the best of everything for 1948, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman