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Dear Frank:

Receipt of your letter of 16 May is acknowledged; also all of the things which you were sent for the Open House were received back in good shape.

I wondered when you asked for these things both this year and last whether they would appeal to very many of your visitors because my own experience is that there are not many people interested in history and only a few are interested in gadgets unless there is somebody there to explain each one in detail with a lot of background information.

I do not understand why only the Enigma would operate or why the Hagelin and Kryha were not put in good shape before they were sent to you. Next year perhaps we will be able to do better by you. At least I hope so.

After a rather lengthy absence from the office on account of illness, I am back on duty and feel much better. Despite a lot of headaches it is a hard place to stay away from.

Thank you for taking good care of the material sent you. I will be glad to be of assistance again, if necessary.

I hope that my letter finds you and Ginny well and happy. Reciprocating your kind regards to both of us, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN