Dear Dean Rapport:

You can imagine my embarrassment when I must admit to you that the material which you so kindly sent me on January 13, 1950, has been in my office, unbeknownst to me, all this time. In an unfortunate series of circumstances, beginning with the original receipt of Professor Joscelson's material by one of my associates on a day on which I happened to be absent, followed by a period of several months during which I was not at my desk, the confusion was further abetted by my associate going away on maneuvers, and when I wrote you my letter of July 1st, this same associate was on leave -- so you see what a disconcerting picture resulted.

As soon as possible I will write you in some detail regarding my impressions concerning the project as well as in regard to a possible visit.

Apologizing again for the embarrassing situation caused by the vagaries of chance, and hoping this finds you in the best of health, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Dr. Victor A. Rapport  
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Dear Dean Rapport:

Sometime last December you were good enough to write me concerning the Russian word count which is being made at Wayne University and indicated that I would receive Prof. Josselson's detailed description of method and classification of data. I am wondering whether this description has been completed and if a copy is available.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN