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Dear Corporal Brinkworth:

Receipt of your letter of February 21 is acknowledged. I regret to have to inform you that the Riverbank publications are not available for distribution. Occasionally a copy or two turns up in some second-hand book dealer's establishment and you might try that source.

It is possible that you may be eligible for enrollment in the Army Extension Courses in Cryptography conducted by the Chief Signal Officer. A request through channels will find its way to the proper headquarters. This would be a means of enabling you to continue your studies.

Very truly yours,

William F. Friedman,  
Director of Communications Research.

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FEBRUARY 21ST 1945

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SIR:

I AM INFORMED BY THE RIVERBANK PUBLICATIONS OF GENEVA, ILLINOIS THAT ALL INQUIRIES MADE OF WORKS AUTHORED BY YOU IN CRYPTOGRAPHY AND CRYPTOANALYSIS MUST COME FROM YOUR OFFICE.

SIR, MY NAME IS CORPORAL RICHARD BRINKWORTH, 32689840 MOS, 805 AND FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS I HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN CRYPTOGRAPHIC WORK FOR THE AAF IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS, SERVING FOR A TIME TOO, UNDER THE NAVY IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. I AM QUITE FAMILIAR WITH ALL TYPES OF ARMY AND NAVY CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS. EVER SINCE MY GRADUATION FROM THE AAF CRYPTOGRAPHY SCHOOL IN PAWLING, NEW YORK STATE (FEBRUARY 1943) I HAVE READ MANY BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT OF CRYPTOANALITICS. IN ONE PUBLICATION'S BIBLIOGRAPHY MUCH CREDIT WAS GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING PAPERS AUTHORED BY YOURSELF:

- NR.15-1917-A METHOD OF RECONSTRUCTING THE PRIMARY ALPHABET.
- NR.16-1918-METHODS FOR THE SOLUTION OF RUNNING KEY CIPHERS.
- NR.17-1918-AN INTRODUCTION TO METHODS FOR THE SOLUTIONS OF CIPHERS.
- NR.18-1918-SYNPOTIC TABLES FOR THE SOLUTION OF CIPHERS AND A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CIPHER LITERATURE.
- NR.19-1918-FORMULAE FOR THE SOLUTION OF GEOMETRICAL TRANSPOSITION CIPHERS BY CAPT LENOX R. LOHR WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY W.F.FRIEDMAN.

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- NR. 20-1918- GENERAL MACHINE CIPHERS AND METHODS FOR THEIR SOLUTION.  
NR. 21-1918- METHODS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY ALPHABETS  
NR. 22-1922- THE INDEX OF COINCIDENCE AND ITS APPLICATIONS IN CRYPTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

SINCE THE ABOVE PUBLICATIONS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORS OF THE WORKS I HAVE READ I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THEY COULD BE AVAILABLE TO ME AS WELL AS ANY OTHER WORKS THAT YOU MAY SUGGEST FOR MY CONTINUED STUDY IN THIS FIELD. NATURALLY I HAVE PASSED ALL THE NECESSARY F.B.I. INVESTIGATIONS CONNECTED WITH THIS WORK. TOO, I AM QUITE WILLING TO DEFRAY ANY EXPENSES INVOLVED.

MY SINCERE THANKS, SIR, FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION OF THIS LETTER.

SINCERELY YOURS,

*Richard Brinkworth*

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