Gentlemen:

A team of information security specialists from this Agency recently visited the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia, for purposes of reviewing the contents of the William F. Friedman Collection.

In the process of this review, a document was discovered which was originated by Joshua C. Cooper, addressed to Mr. Friedman, and classified Confidential and stamped Personal.

Officials at the Foundation are anxious to have declassified and released for study by researchers and historians as much of the Friedman Collection as possible. In view of the nature of this document, we are, of course, precluded from unilaterally taking such action. We are of the opinion, however, that due to recent actions on the parts of both governments and the date of the document (1955), that it may be eligible for declassification by GCHQ.

Would you be so kind as to provide the copy of the letter, which is attached as an enclosure, to the appropriate authorities there for a review and such action as they deem appropriate. We will inform the Foundation as to the results of such a review.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Ware
Chief, Archives and History

Encl:
a/s
cc: Q43 (W/Encl)
    GC (Attn: ) (W/Encl)
    UKLO-1 (W/Encl)
    T541 (Less Encl)
    T5413 (Less Encl)

M/R: An NSA team composed of Messrs. M. Levin of Q43, R. Fisher, T5413, and of the General Counsel's Office visited the Foundation from 7-10 February. The GCHQ document was discovered in the collection of material presented to the Foundation by Mr. Friedman after termination of his association with NSA. Extant letter requests SUSLOL CHELT to provide the document to GCHQ for declassification review.

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