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10 March 1945.

Dear John.

I have owed you a letter in reply to yours of 28 August for so long that I am heartily ashamed of myself.

Did you ever get a chance to make a detailed investigation of the security afforded by our Converter M-228, the teletype encipherment machine? I would be very pleased if you could tell me a few words about your investigation and conclusions. Have any of your people decided to use it?

When Herbert Maass came back recently and brought your greetings, I decided it was high time I wrote you. I gather that Maass got along famously with the Tiltman family. He is a nice lad and I believe that he derived a great deal of benefit from his visit. He told me something about what you are concentrating on at the moment with Morgan and his crew and I am sure that you are having a very interesting time.

A few nights ago I skimmed through a recently published mystery story entitled, "The Spy in the Room". It is a fanciful tale based upon the author's conception of the operations of Room 40, O.B., and is the most veritable trash I have encountered in a long, long time. If that is a sample of what the uninitiated can do, it is a good one. I don't advise you to spend any money on getting the book. How much stranger than fiction a true relation of our work would be is only apparent to those actually engaged in the work.

Things are going fairly well around here and I have nothing of special importance to relate. Isn't it about time for a visit in this direction? It would be grand to see you.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Brigadier John H. Tiltman,
GC & CS,
London, England.

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