

November 8, 1946

Dear Boris and Annie:

No doubt you have been wondering about what happened to me. I do hope, however, that you received the telegram I sent you from Paris on my return from Stockholm. It occurred to me, after I had sent it, that there might be some delay in delivery because I had not indicated your full name in the address, but I hope you got it nevertheless.

My visit to Germany was interesting and lasted some ten days, but I was traveling a good part of the time and was in one place no more than a few hours. I left Paris on the second and reached home the day before yesterday after a long air trip from Paris which was delayed by having to stop a couple of times overnight on account of motor trouble and bad weather. However, I was not uncomfortable, and the trip was pleasant. I met several interesting people, one in particular, a Swiss scientist who is a professor of astro-physics at the California Institute of Technology.

I found Elizabeth very well. The two children are away from home, and both are getting along quite nicely. Elizabeth is naturally much occupied with the details of moving, and we will continue to be much occupied for the next several weeks. I guess I am going to have to pitch in and help to sort out the hundreds of things that have accumulated within the house that has been our home for almost a quarter of a century. It is going to be a job.

The letter which arrived for me after I left and which you sent me in care of the Military Attache in Paris reached me very promptly in Paris. I appreciated the note you typed on the back of Elizabeth's letter. It was most thoughtful of you, and I deeply appreciate your cordial invitation for both of us to visit you and Annie some day in the future. I hope we will be able to accept.

Mr. and Mrs. Boris C. Hagelin
Sundsvik, Sweden

I owe you a great deal of thanks for your extremely courteous hospitality to me while I was your guest. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed Sundsör, the lovely home, beautiful grounds, and interesting workings on the estate. I can see that you are going to have a great time organizing, beautifying, and bringing to a very practical and successful conclusion the aim of a life-time of striving. Your projects there seem extremely worthwhile.

The delightful dinner at Den Gyldene Frieden, the even more delightful dinner at the Opera House, and the opportunity to hear Thais at the Opera, will remain in my memory a long time as highlights of two nice evenings spent in your beautiful capital. I shall also remember the mad dashing about of the automobiles--but then everybody in Europe with a car seems to be in a great rush, much more so than in our country.

A little bit later I will write you more, after I have gotten settled in the routine of business. By the way, I found on my desk a copy of an article about you that appeared in the August 1946 issue of The American-Swedish Monthly. It is quite interesting and a good article. The picture of you, Boris, alone at your desk, is very good. Incidentally, this reminds me that I would like very much to have a good autographed picture of you to include in my gallery of notables. I really would appreciate having it, so won't you oblige me soon? The picture of the three of you at the organ is also nice, and if you can spare a copy we'd love to have it.

Please give my very best greetings to your two sons, and daughter, Ingrid, all of whom I very much enjoyed meeting. I am writing a separate letter of thanks to your very nice son-in-law, Major Conradi, whose many courtesies I also deeply appreciated.

Elizabeth will write you and Annie just as soon as she can to express her thanks for the gifts, which pleased her no end. She is also sending on to John and Barbara their nice gifts.

I had a very fine visit with you and all in all find it hard to express my thanks for your many courtesies. I hope to reciprocate sometime this spring, when you come to America again. If we haven't had the opportunity of entertaining Boris Junior before then, we hope to see him with you when you come to Washington, as you must without fail give us an opportunity to return in some measure the many kindnesses to me.

With best regards to both of you from both Elizabeth and myself, I am,

Sincerely yours,