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Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
Zug, Switzerland

Dear Boris:

A very pleasant evening was spent last night as hosts to Bo and Edith at a family dinner party which we gave at Fort McNair, and at which we exchanged in accordance with the authorized Swedish procedure many skolls. The party reminded me today that I have not replied to your nice letter of 10 October.

First, in order to make sure that I do not forget, I hand herewith to my secretary the clipping which was overlooked in mailing my last letter to you. Incidentally, I had told Bo about this book and suggested that he might be interested in looking at it. I further gave him the name of a local book dealer who has been very helpful to me. Bo told me last night that he called the book dealer, found Revolver Harry's book in stock and had a copy sent to him. He says it is so good that he more or less changed his estimate and picture of Mr. Söderman. We all enjoyed some reminiscences concerning the man and I added the comment that it seemed to prove once more the truth behind the biblical adage: "No prophet is without honor save in his own country." Now let that keep you for a while! Revolver Harry may have been one of the important men of Sweden -- in addition to you!

I note what you say about your managing to do some useful work, that you mostly feel lazy, and that this has been a predominant trait of late in your case. When I feel lazy the pleasant feeling is accompanied by an irritating sense of guilt because there are so many things I feel I should do and must do.

I told Elizebeth a few days ago she should begin thinking about planning for our trip, but I am not sure that she is taking me seriously. I have not as yet consulted my doctors about the advisability of a long trip at this time and I suppose they should be given a chance to state their opinion. The initiation of the journey should also take into consideration the fact that very soon now we should be receiving galley proofs of our book. I do not think that we should be away from my library and the libraries in Washington while we are going over the proofs of the book. However, since the plan is to have the book ready for sale in April we should have the proofreading behind us by say the end of February, so maybe we will be seeing you in Europe somewhere in the spring or early summer.

I will be seeing Barlow before he takes off for his visit and I may have a last minute message for you to send via him.

With affectionate regards to both of you from both of us.

Sincerely,

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