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Dear Boris:

This will introduce Mr. David Kahn, a young man whom I have known for over 15 years and for whom I have developed a high regard.

His vocation is that of newsman and reporter; his avocation is cryptology. He is now and has been for some years President of the New York Cipher Society, a group of very devoted non-professionals who meet regularly in pursuit of their hobby.

In my opinion Mr. Kahn is more knowledgeable about his avocation and especially about its history than are many professionals, some of whom are not at all interested in history.

The fact that he has contracted with a well-known publishing house in the U.S. to do a book on cryptology speaks for his professional ability as a writer and for the publisher's regard for him as one who is knowledgeable on the subject with which his book will deal.

He is coming to Europe in search of additional basic but unclassified data for his book and wants to meet and talk with persons who might be helpful to him in this connection. I have written him that I think you could be helpful to him and anything that you are able to do for him along these lines will be much appreciated by me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Hagelin