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Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of June 9, and our thanks also to Elizabeth!

I suppose that by now you have had some little experience with the French, at least with those living on the Cote d'Azur: that they promise you everything you ask for, but that usually there is no action.

In any case, we are glad that this notwithstanding you still seem to be content with your lot!

The Philshave bill has not yet come to my attention.

Now on to the Crypto papers: I have now sorted out descriptions and pictures of Damm machines, and also of my prewar ditto. Descriptions of the postwar machines are easily available here. I have also the main data <sup>of</sup> the founding and liquidation of AB Cryptograph, then my Swedish companies AB Ingeniörsfirman Teknik & AB Cryptoteknik, and the Swiss co Crypto AG. Further the French Companies and the reason for them.

But I am leaning to the opinion that first I will have to try to reconstruct the years from 1921, when I joined the ABCryptograph as an observer, up to the war, and for this I must not only make some notations from the papers I have here /correspondence with Damm and with my Father, minutes from stockholders meetings of AB Cryptograph, and contracts / but also I must peruse all the material we have in Sweden, which are the archive of Ingeniörsfirman Teknik & AB Cryptoteknik.

I begin to think that my suggestion to you to come to Sandhamn was not too hot, not only from the above considerations, but also because you might not like the cramped sleeping quarters

there. But what should we do? One suggestion would be to have a first session in Sweden, but first I would like to ~~first~~ hear about your own ideas in this matter. The trouble is, we would not like to change our program for the summer, as it has grown to be a "must" for us to spend July at Sandhamn and August at Fryksås.

Then you wrote about the "contract". I would not like to make it too complicated, and I would very much prefer to make it a contract with CRYPTO AG. Couldn't we pay you a monthly "salary", leaving it up to you to work as much or as little as you wanted?

I am rather rushed these days, so am afraid that the above has not been much of a help to you, to decide the steps to be taken. But please write me to Sturtevant, and I will answer your suggestions or questions from there.

I have now to put a full stop to these lines.

Annie and myself send Elizabeth and your good self our affectionate regards,

Sincerely



PS: What did you mean when you wrote that "I have over again the brochures on CX & C-52 & the third one. I still hold the same opinion."

PS 2: I think that your idea of writing a treatise of Cipher Machines, of which a part would be dedicated to the works of Dama and myself, would be excellent, and much preferable to a book restricted only to deal with Dama & myself. I should have pointed this out already in the beginning of my letter. But this would of course necessitate your having access to your library in Washington.