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April 16

Colonel Frank W. Bullock
Headquarters, Army Service Forces
5000 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your letter of April 6. I regret to have to report nothing could be found. Incidentally and in the same general connection you will recall that I wrote a paper on the history of the Signal Intelligence Service at the suggestion of Colonel Clarke. I turned over to you the copy which was intended for him but it was found inadvisable to forward it and I believe that you filed it among your papers. We made a valiant effort to find that also but did not succeed. Perhaps you or Miss Weber had a special "cache" for such things. However there is no need to go further into the matter.

I would like to tell you of the outcome of my little contention with regard to what restrictions had been lifted and so on, but deem it inadvisable. However, when you come to Washington, as no doubt you will one of these days, I wish you would give me a ring and let me have the opportunity to take you to lunch or dinner at which time I can tell you.

With best regards to Miss Weber and to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman
Director of Communications
Research

HEADQUARTERS ARLINGTON HALL STATION
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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DATE 4-12

INFORMAL MEMO FOR:

Mr. Friedman:

This is the first time
the "B. B." has been mentioned,
and about the 4th place it
should be. Nevertheless, it
isn't. I heartily wish it
could be found. *MD*

W Preston Gorderman
Colonel, Signal Corps
Commanding

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CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

April 6, 1943

Mr. William F. Friedman,
Arlington Hall Station,
Arlington, Virginia.

Dear Bill:

I checked with Miss Weber in regard to your letter of the 2nd. She is positive that she destroyed no records excepting the Reading File copies of correspondence over a month old, and my personal correspondence which did not pertain to the office in any way.


Therefore, the "record" memorandum, if it is to be found at all, should be in one of the two places I mentioned in my letter of March 25th -

- 1.- "Foreign Representatives" file
- 2.- "Black Book" (Possibly in an Agenda)

You might ask Col. Cook if there is any mention made of this in the minutes of the "Kaffee Klatches" held by the section heads.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,


Frank W. Bullock,
Colonel, Signal Corps

April 2, 1943

Colonel Frank W. Bullock
5000 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I want to thank you very much for your letter of March 25, in response to my telephonic appeal to you for information.

I appreciate very sincerely the forthrightness of your response, which will be of considerable assistance. I regret to add, however, that diligent search through all the files that were in your office, or in proximity thereto, has thus far failed to disclose the "record" memorandum to which you refer in your second paragraph. Miss Weber may be able to answer the question as to whether any records of this nature were destroyed prior to her departure in a general cleaning-up process. I might suggest also that it is barely possible that you made some notes in your personal memorandum book, which you usually carried on your person. Any additional information which might shed light on the episode will be gratefully received. I am about to engage in some verbal fisticuffs and need all the ammunition I can gather together.

You will probably recollect that the new instructions arose as a result of the realization on the part of certain persons in G-2 that our relations with the British had deteriorated to a great extent and that corrective measures had to be taken.

I do recall that you not only communicated to me orally and alone the new instructions but also you called a special meeting of section heads the next day

Col. Bullock

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and informed them of the new instructions for their guidance. I was also present at that meeting.

If either you or Miss Weber feel disposed to shed any further light on what might have become of the "record" memorandum I would be grateful.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman
Director of Communications
Research