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Dear Sam:

I had hoped that you would find time to come over for a chat after your MATS plane brought you back to Washington but apparently you took off right away for home.

I wanted to learn your impressions of your visit abroad while fresh in your mind but that can wait until your next visit here. I do want to ask you to drop me a line or two right away on the following matter.

I am told that you had some sort of plan involving [redacted] coming to Princeton, which would mean, of course, his leaving the organization for which he is now working. I am told, further, that you talked about your idea with [redacted] when you saw him recently. As you already know, we enjoy quite friendly relations with the directorate of the organization that employs him, and we wouldn't want anything to come up to disturb those good relations--such as one of our own family doing something that might cause one of their most capable people to leave their organization. Would you therefore write me at once and tell me what, if anything, you told [redacted]

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Sincerely,

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