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Dear Ank:

When I had the pleasure of visiting you last November, you raised a question which I undertook to investigate on my return, viz., whether NSA could set up a tape-production unit in the U.K., perhaps within the precincts of some existing U.K. installation of similar character.

I discussed this matter with General Canine, who, while in accord as to the desirability of arrangements for such production on that side of the Atlantic, feels that NSA is already spread too thinly. In short, he hesitates to undertake anything more at this time, with his present complement of people and facilities.

With cordial greetings and best wishes to you and all the members of your Staff for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely,

cc: AG
 C/S
 S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

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M/R: When visiting with General Ankenbrandt in Nov., he asked Mr. Friedman whether NSA could set up a tape-production unit in the U.K. Mr. Friedman has discussed the matter with Gen. Canine who, while in accord with the idea, does not want to undertake it at this time.

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