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Mr. Robert A. Sloman

Dear Mr. Sloman:

Dr. Wright has handed me your letter of 27 April 1954, and I regret to note that there was some misunderstanding about letting you know the status of our interest in the items your father's Estate contains of the Owen and Gallup material.

As to the Owen wheel, I regret to say that we have no desire to acquire it under any circumstances, for the space it would require is just not available. But as to the other material in the way of cipher translations, have you anything at all in the way of a descriptive inventory, even of the most cursory nature? Are there any copies of books, pamphlets, etc.? Does this material all deal with the Owen word cipher or does it also contain material on the bilateral cipher worked on by Mrs. Gallup?

Upon receipt of further information I will write you again.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN