4 May 1955

Dr. W. M. Bowers 217 Concord Street Clarksburg, West Virginia

Dear Dr. Bowers:

This will be just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 April with its enclosures. When I am further along in my recovery I will try to find time to write more in detail.

In the meantime one thing that you could perhaps do for me would be to tell me what the chances are for your being able to pick up a copy of Candela's book "The Military Cipher of Commandant Bazeries." I have a very important friend who has been after me to get him a copy and so far my efforts have been fruitless. I am willing to pay up to ten dollars for this book but it should be worth somewhere around three or four dollars at the most.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN