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Mr. Lester Bensinger  
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New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bensinger:

I am writing this letter to you at the request of my husband William F. Friedman. In the first place he apologizes heartily for the delay in replying. At the time your letter arrived he was in Europe. He returned to his office on March 28, spent the first week there during which his time was devoted to official matters, and at the end of that week was stricken with a heart attack; is at present in George Washington University Hospital where he will be compelled to remain some weeks longer followed by an extended rest at home.

He has examined your enclosures and it is his opinion that the letter sent to Mr. D. Stegall Golden is meaningless and has no cryptographic content. Such letters are not at all uncommon and usually originate from a person who has some psychic disturbance.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH SMITH FRIEDMAN