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Dear Herb:

I am indebted to you for your prompt action in connection with my letter to Walter.

I note that the boat will only be at its present location until tomorrow. If possible, try to find out where it is going next and let me know.

Did you gather from the man you questioned that the machines had been removed by the British before the vessel was sold to its present owner or did the present owner remove them and does he still have them in his custody? You probably have no information on these points but I thought I would ask you anyhow.

It is kind of you to extend an invitation to visit you in New York soon but I do not think any of us is contemplating a trip. What's the matter with your coming to Washington?

My best thanks to you for your cooperation and cordial greetings to you and your parents.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

15 August 1949

Mr. Herbert H. Maass, Jr.
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Dear Herb:

I want to thank you very much for your letter of 1 August in regard to the "Grille."

The vessel did come to Washington but by that time I had ascertained that there was no reason for further investigation. The weather was so hot at the time that I myself did not take the opportunity to visit the ship.

I do not know whether you were able to keep your commission in the Reserve. If you have, then it might easily be possible for you and Walter to take a tour of active duty, the minimum period of which is, as you know, two weeks. I am very much in doubt as to whether an arrangement for spending a week at the Hall outside of a tour of active duty would be possible much as we all might desire getting together

Reciprocating your cordial greetings to members of my family, I am with best greetings to you and your family

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

HERBERT H. MAASS, JR.
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August 1, 1949.

Mr. William Friedman
424 North George Mason Drive
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Dear Mr. Friedman

I am sorry not to have answered yours of July 14th any sooner, but business at the office while others have been away on vacation has kept me rather tied up.

In regard to the "Grille", I was unable to find its next location after New York, but that information should be ascertainable by you. As I understand, it will be touring around to various large cities of this country for a good while, so I would imagine that Washington will probably be on its agenda.

As to the disposition of the machines, from the conversation with the crew-man I would imagine that the machines had been removed by the purchaser rather than the British, but on this point I would not be at all sure.

I regret that I was unable to gather any more information on this subject, but, as you can imagine, the crew-men are probably almost as ill-informed as to the disposition of such items as these as anyone else would be.

My very best to Mrs. Friedman and Barbara. As to visiting in Washington, Walter and I have often mentioned our interest in spending a week at the Hall working in conjunction with you, Rowlett, and the others, if such could be arranged, so maybe we can get together on this some time in the future.

Hope to see you soon, and Dad and Mother join me in best.

Very truly yours,



HERBERT H. MAASS, JR.

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Mr. William Friedman

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August 1, 1949.

P. S. The stenographer to whom I just dictated this informs me that in last week's paper mention was made of the boat's being in Washington, so perhaps this letter has been supplanted by knowledge you may have recently gathered.

H.H.M., Jr.

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July 11, 1949

Personal

Mr. William Friedman
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Walter informs me that he notified you by mail of his action in referring your letter of July 6 to me.

In accordance with your request, last Friday I visited the boat which is anchored only a couple of blocks from my office. Unfortunately, visitors are only allowed to observe the inside of the boat through the portholes, while standing on the outer decks. Hence, visibility of the Communications Room was necessarily limited. Outside of vast amounts of radio equipment apparent (more than I have ever seen in one room before in my life), no machines of any type which would be of interest to you were visible. Similarly, on inspection of the remainder of the boat, no such machines were apparent.

After searching the boat as diligently as possible, I struck up a conversation with a member of the crew and was eventually informed that the machines in question had been removed before the vessel was put on display.

I am sorry that no more concrete results were possible, and anything further on this matter which I can do for you please do not hesitate to notify me. The boat will only be at its present location until the 15th of July.

My very best to Mrs. Friedman and Barbara, and hope you all will have the opportunity to pay us a visit in New York soon.

Very truly yours,



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