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15 December 1953

Dear Sir John:

Thank you so much for your very courteous note of 11 November 1953, which reached me soon after the Conference closed and has been looking at me reproachfully ever since I got back to my desk. But I know that you will forgive me for being tardy in responding to your note when I tell you that a great deal of my time has been devoted to keeping our friend Boris happy here, talking at length with him, and then discussing with my associates the substance and implications of those conversations. You will no doubt be apprised of the results thereof very soon.

Turning to the subject of your note, I too was very sorry that you were not able to be present at the Final Session of the Conference so that I could thank you in person for the extremely gracious manner in which we were received by you and your associates, for the cordial spirit of cooperation everybody on your side manifested toward my associates and myself in our combined meetings during the Conference, and for the delightful hospitality shown us from time to time in our social gatherings.

That our Conference was of great value is a judgment which gives me much pleasure in sharing with you. It is my hope that that judgment will not have to be tested in the fire of actual combat with our powerful adversaries; but should such a test have to come, I feel confident of the outcome.

I too very much enjoyed meeting you and so did every one of my associates. We look forward to an early reunion with you in Washington!

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

Major General Sir John Sinclair

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Sir John

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LONDON,

11th November, 1953.

Dear Friedman

I was so sorry not to be present at the Final Session of the Plenary Committee of our Conference and to be unable to say goodbye to you properly.

I have just been reading the Report of the Executive Committee. From a study of this and from all that I have heard, I am sure that the Conference was of great value, and I hope that is also your opinion.

I very much enjoyed meeting you and some of your officers and hope that it will not be long before we meet again. I also hope you will have a good return trip and that you will employ your time on board ship to good purpose with a certain distinguished man!

*Yours sincerely,
J. B. S. [Signature]*

Mr. W. F. Friedman.

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