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Colonel William F. Friedman
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Friedman:

Thanks for your letter. I am glad to find you still interested in historical matters during what must be a very busy time for you. You may be quite certain that I shall remember you when I have my re-prints.

As my proofs should reach me within a few weeks, I take this opportunity to ask you a few last questions.

Assuming that you have had no more time to look at the Ewing and Young ciphers which I sent you late in 1941, I wonder if you mind my alluding to your opinion of these ciphers in a footnote. At the present moment my typescript reads that you are "inclined to think that both will remain unread because of their brevity." This is a paraphrase of your letter of January 17, 1942. I do want very much to say something about the nature of these ciphers, and it is not very impressive if I simply say that as far as I can see they are very difficult.

Also I wonder about your rank and title. I do not think I have ever been sure of it, and as I refer to you a number of times in the article, I should like to be right. Is this right: Colonel W. F. Friedman, Principal Cryptanalyst, Office of the Chief Signal Officer U.S. War Department?

Sincerely,
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