

March 9, 1948

Mrs. Franklin G. Tyzzer  
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Dear Cora:

I am much indebted to you for your letter of 24 February, despite the fact that it gives no clue to the papers I'd like to see turn up. They were probably destroyed, just as you indicate.

Yes, we had a very nice visit from Fred Kranz. I ran into his son-in-law in the Navy and that's how we got together. It was very nice to renew acquaintance after so many years.

By all means, if you and your husband come to Washington you must visit with us and we, too, should we be in your vicinity, will look you up.

Thanking you again and hoping you are fully recovered from your cold, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman

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Feb. 24, 1948

Mr. William F. Friedman  
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Army Security Agency  
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Dear Billy:

It was a pleasant surprise to receive your letter on February 16. I am just recovering from the flu and a miserable sinus cold, hence the delay in responding to your letter.

I wish I could give you some definite information regarding the disposition of the cipher material to which you refer, but unfortunately I cannot. The papers were kept intact until after the Colonel's death. Miss Cumming made the final disposition of the papers when I was not there. I really believe they were destroyed as I believe Miss Cumming did not want to have them circulated. At least, everything of that nature has been cleared out at Riverbank, and Miss Tinberg said she had nothing to do with it.

Miss Cumming's death was a hideous shock to all her friends. She had been a frequent visitor at our home, and Franklin and I were very fond of her. Franklin is an associate physicist at Armour Research Foundation in Chicago.

Fred Kranz told us that he had a pleasant visit at your home last year. Fred is now married to a very dear friend of ours. No doubt you heard that Grace died suddenly about 5 years ago. If Franklin and I ever get to Washington we shall be glad to have a chat with you and Elizabeth. It was nice hearing from you. My best wishes to you and Elizabeth.

Sincerely yours,

*Cora*

P.S.

Cor) to see us if you ever get  
to Geneva.

February 12, 1948

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Dear Cora:

Not long ago I had occasion to try to locate certain papers of historical interest in connection with some of Riverbank's activities during World War I, and I wrote a letter addressed to Miss Cumming asking some questions about the possible disposition of the old records. I was then not aware of the unfortunate accident that caused Miss Cumming's death and received a reply from Miss Tinberg giving me that distressing news. But Miss Tinberg stated that everything had been turned over to the Library of Congress.

I have been through the complete Fabyan collection at the Library of Congress and did not find anything of the sort of papers I'd like to have and then again wrote to Miss Tinberg asking her for your address in the hope that you may be able to throw some light on what happened to the records of the work that we did for various departments in those days. Do you happen to know what Colonel Fabyan did with those records when the Cipher Department was closed? Were they all destroyed or did he happen to keep some locked up somewhere that now may be available? I would like very much to be able to refer to the old AT&T study as an interesting episode, for example, and some other things. I would very much appreciate a reply from you on this point.

Don't you ever come to Washington? It would be very nice to see you and your husband sometime and to relive some of the interesting days we spent together. All of us are well and I send you cordial greetings from Elizabeth and myself.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman

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