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Dear Dr. ^{Royster} Lyle:

Let us first thank you, your staff and your very lovely family for a most pleasant and fruitful visit. Please express to Dr. Hadsel our gratitude for allowing us to spend so much time with him. Also please convey to John Jacob our appreciation for making our trip extremely productive.

We found the trip led to a greater understanding on our part of the Library and its collections. We have taken back Dr. Hadsel's proposal to enrich the Friedman Collection as may be appropriate. I intend to bring his ideas to the attention of Agency management and will keep you informed of the outcome. I have talked with Charlie Ware of our History and Archives Staff concerning the bust of Col Friedman. He had already begun work on the matter and I trust we will have a more definitive response for you in the near future. Again, we appreciate the excellent cooperation of both you and John in our evaluation of the classification of the Friedman Collection. Russ and Wally were able to get a maximum of work done in that area. We hope the limited classified holdings in the collection will make it more manageable for you. We will pass on to you any further declassification actions as they happen.

Several thoughts have crossed my mind since our departure which I believe may be of benefit to both organizations. You asked that we review the classified materials John had shown me in the vault. We were unable to declassify any of them. However, upon reflection I believe that we could provide you with sanitized copies of several of them as Wally suggested we would do with the "War in the Ether." In that regard we have now declassified the "War in the Ether" and will provide official notification by separate letter. You may now store it with your unclassified materials. Second, John had stated that he had made a practice of sending TOP SECRET documents to Alan Thompson of NARS. Evidently, however, Alan can no longer do this for you. Our Agency has been designated the Cryptologic Archival Holding Area for the U.S. Government and is willing to perform the same function for cryptologic materials that NARS had been handling for you for other classified documents. We would

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hold the material for you until such time as it was declassified. I believe there are materials in both the Marshall and Friedman collections in this category. Should one or both of these proposals appear useful to your library please let us know.

After our discussion regarding your security arrangements I felt that the U.S. Government had a responsibility to the library to assist you. As you are certified by the U.S. Army I have made some low key inquiries with them. I will keep you informed regarding this. I believe your security system is adequate and see no major problems, but a certifying agency is responsible for assisting those vaults it accredits as necessary.

Wally, Russ, and I wish to thank you again for the warm welcome you, Dr. Hadsel and John extended to us. We believe that our visit will strengthen the relationship between our organizations. If we can be of further service, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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