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Dear Mr. Lyle:

Mr. Charles Ware has provided me with a copy of your August 28, 1981 letter to him. Thank you very much for advising us of the declassification actions taken by Mr. Wilson in 1975.

Unfortunately, the documents should not have been declassified. Military Cryptanalytics, Parts I and II, Analysis of the Hagelin Cryptograph Type B-211, and General Solution for the Double Transposition Cipher should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL". I regret any inconvenience that this may cause.

In reviewing other correspondence we note that Mr. Wilson provided you with copies of Parts I through IV of Military Cryptanalysis. We recently declassified Part I of this series and are now again reviewing Parts II through IV (now CONFIDENTIAL) to determine whether continued classification is warranted. We will advise you of our findings.

Finally, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Winkler of our Archives and History Staff plan to visit with you in mid-October. They will review documents you hold and advise you concerning their current classification.

Again, thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

M. J. LEVIN
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