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05 March 1984SUSLOL Unit  
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Gentlemen:

As noted in my Serial T54-048-84, dated 16 February 1984, a team of NSA information specialists recently visited the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia, for purposes of reviewing the contents of the William F. Friedman Collection.

In addition to the memorandum from Joshua Cooper to Mr. Friedman noted in our 16 February memo, we have found a letter from Major General W. R. C. Penney, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., of the London Communications Security Agency, dated 9 September 1955, addressed to Lt. General Ralph J. Canine, Director, National Security Agency. General Penney designated this letter "SECRET: PERSONAL."

Would you please be so kind as to refer this letter, also, to appropriate authorities to determine whether it can be declassified and made available to researchers and historians who may visit the Foundation in Lexington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles R. Ware", is written over the typed name.

CHARLES R. WARE  
Chief, Archives  
and  
HistoryEncl:  
a/s~~SECRET~~~~DECLASSIFY UPON REMOVAL OF ENCLOSURE~~

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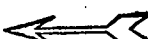
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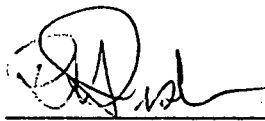
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M/R: An additional classified letter of British origin has turned up. Instant letter forwards it to SUSLOL Cheltenham for passing to appropriate GCHQ office for declassification review.



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C/o Room 9

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Foreign Office, S.W.1.

SECRET : PERSONAL.

9th September, 1955

Reference: WP/172.

My dear Canine,

I was very sorry to see on my return from leave the announcement of Friedman's retirement.

Although I have only known him for a comparatively short time, I have already come to appreciate the unique contribution he has made to the common endeavour of our two countries in the difficult fields in which he has worked.

I am writing to him personally but at the same time I should like to know that you are aware of how much Billy Friedman will be missed by his friends in the London Communications Security Agency.

Yours ever

/s/ Ronald Penny

(Major Gen. W.R.C. Penney, C.B., C.B.E.,  
D.S.O., M.C.)

Lt. General Ralph J. Canine,  
Director,  
National Security Agency  
Washington.