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Dear Boris:

Many thanks for your letter of 31 December 1954, and especially for your invitation to visit you in Zug.

Although I had hoped to make the visit during this month, after the 15th, I find now that it will be preferable for me to plan it for the month of February. My recovery from the seige of influenza has not been so rapid as I had counted on, and while I am at the office every day now I think it would be better if I postpone making the trip by air until I have fully recovered and return to Zug "in great form," as you say, so that I can the better enjoy my visit with you.

Also, you plan to be away around the end of this month and I would not want you to have to make preparations for your trip under any pressure which my presence might generate. [REDACTED]

Now I want you to know, Boris, that I very much appreciate what you have indicated in your letter with regard to the continuance of [REDACTED]

The postponement of my visit will not be for long, as indicated in the second paragraph above. In any case, I am sure that, whatever the result of our meeting will be, [REDACTED] because there is mutual trust, confidence, and respect on both sides.

OGA With respect to our CX machines on order. Not all of them call for the complementary device, and, in fact, as I understand it, the second order for eight C-52 machines call for the machines plus the various alternate parts and items for converting them to CX-52, if desired. Now I don't think this order calls for the complementary feature so that if filled at once completion of this order would suit us fine.

We finally and at last (what a casting off of a burden!) shipped the manuscript of the book on 31 December to the prospective publishers.

I assume it will be several months before we hear from them. Toward the end of the job I felt that I could have and should have devoted that effort to a more worthy opus but I might be wrong. We shall know soon at any rate.

If the weather is propitious when I get to [redacted], maybe I'll take a few days' holiday and go south, to Italy or to the Riviera. What do you say to coming along?

I conveyed your regards to my "boss," who reciprocates, with all good wishes for the New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

P.S.

I forgot to tell you that very recently Miss Barth got worried about the year being up soon for her job. I took an interest and got her fixed up so she doesn't have that worry now.

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