

May 13, 1942

Dear Col. Tiltman:

I got together some material for you as per our conversations and it is being shipped together with a good deal of other material from other sources. Among the books I have sent, you will find three orange colored pamphlets on the Hittite hieroglyphics. These were provided me by one of the members of the staff of the Oriental Institute at a 15% discount, which brings the total for the three to \$4.04, which same I have already transmitted. At any time that it is convenient, if you can reimburse me by way of sending me some items that you may find over there, I shall be most appreciative and in this way the exchange can be made without any red tape.

I have another book by Gelb which contains photographic plates of the Hittite material. The cost of this book is \$8.50 and I have not undertaken to purchase a copy for you unless you really wish to have it. I have a copy of it and while I think it is a worthwhile publication, it is a bit expensive.

By the time this letter reaches you, I suppose that Capt. Kullback will be with you and he can bring you up to date as to the status of our work on the Geheimschreiber. This looks like a most interesting problem and has us quite stymied at the moment. I am beginning to suspect certain things and will communicate with you as soon as we reach what appear to be valid conclusions. We will be most appreciative if you will similarly keep us informed.

I was very glad to learn of your safe arrival, notice of which was communicated to me by Miss Chaplin. I cannot begin to tell you how much I enjoyed your visit and how beneficial it was. Please give my very best regards to Comdr. Denniston and tell him that I still have some letters of his crying for answers.

With very best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman
Head Cryptanalyst

#1 PS Vol I of your course shows (in the Index) a Section V Machine's Is
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this a separate publication It is not a part of the booklet you so
kindly presented
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#2 A nice message from Evans. Have been working very closely with our Navy on
things of deep mutual interest (E) Please thank Evans

#3 My plea for reward for active duty is still under advis but hope for a fair
reply any day now. If unfair have been offered colonelcy in our new specialist
cops which will be almost as good in some respects and better in others - financial
for example, since I'd lose nothing in pay whereas on my regular commission I'd
stand to lose about \$1000.

#4 Can't hurry talks with Pay Under Wilson & St. Mills - very interesting.
Miss Chaplin tells me this a.m. that Capt. Hastings will be back tomorrow
and to see him & learn things.

#5 Can't hope you will soon send us details re G. You tel yesterday most
interesting. Congratulations on beautiful piece of work.
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