

Mr. Boris G. W. Hagelin
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Dear Boris:

I have two of your letters now awaiting reply, one dated 15 September, the other, 27 September. I will reply even though I do not have the answers to some questions you ask.

First, with regard to the proposed visit of Dr. Shinn. I will be in touch with him within a day or two and you will hear further either from him or from me in connection with this matter. I imagine he will want to see the prototype of the new machine, but this I will have to leave for further discussion.

I note what you say about Mr. Gylden. I would certainly be interested in having a copy of the list of books which he has in his library. Perhaps you could convey to him that some day I expect to have a similar list of the things in my collection and it is quite possible that I could send him a copy. Please give him a cordial greeting from me.

In view of the fact that it may be some time before Dr. Shinn can come to visit you, I would like to know whether you do not think it best for me to send you by mail the Candela book, intended for Colonel Arnaud? Please let me know. In connection with Colonel Arnaud, would you be good enough to write to him and ascertain two things for me? First, could I have his gracious permission to quote the three paragraphs which I enclose and which I extracted from the brief sketch that he sent me through Colonel Harrod Miller, about General Cartier. I want to use those paragraphs to show how highly regarded the General was among his colleagues. Secondly, I would like to know exactly what the General's first name was. It seems that, in the literature, his first name is given as Henri, but Colonel Miller wrote me that his first name is Francois. Yet I think I have two articles he wrote, which are signed "H. Cartier." So I do not know what is what.

Beth Elizebeth and I were very happy to learn of the favorable results of the medical examination which Annie underwent. This must be a source of great relief to both of you, and I hope with a little less activity she will improve rapidly.

A few days ago, in talking on the telephone with Inky, she told me that she thought you were planning now to come to visit her in February. Naturally, I am interested and I am looking forward to seeing you and Annie then, if not before then.

The retirement ceremony takes place two days from now. Perhaps Art will write you about it because he was invited, and Inky tells me he expects to be there.

With affectionate regards,

Sincerely,

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Extract from Brief Sketch on General Cartier by Colonel Arnaud.

"Le Général CARTIER fut attiré de bonne heure par les études cryptographiques. De 1900 à 1912, c'est lui qui fut le Secrétaire, et en même temps le membre le plus actif, de la "Commission de Cryptographie Militaire" que présiderent successivement les Généraux PANEL, BERTHAUT et de CASTELNAU. En 1912, il fut nommé Chef de la Section du Chiffre au Ministère de la Guerre et le resta jusqu'en 1921.

"C'est pendant cette période, et principalement pendant la Guerre de 1914-1918, que sa grande compétence et les beaux résultats obtenus par l'équipe de cryptologues dont il était l'animateur, firent sortir son nom de l'ombre et lui attirèrent une juste renommée qui devait franchir les frontières de la France.

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"Le nom du Général CARTIER est appelé à rester, dans l'histoire de la cryptographie nationale et internationale, parmi les premiers rangs des cryptologues, tant par l'orientation et l'impulsion données aux recherches cryptographiques que par les résultats inestimables obtenus sous sa direction."