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Mr. William F. Friedman,
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Dear Bill:

I should have answered your interesting letter of Oct. 28 some time ago. It has however been rather lively here these last days. Larry Shinn, Douglas & Chiles arrived on the 6th, and left again early on the 9th. You may already have seen them, when this letter arrives, but I want nevertheless tell you that I was very happy to have them here. We had a chance to talk things over quite openly /perhaps I talked rather bluntly at times/, and I feel sure that we shall be able to cooperate well and on a friendly basis also in the future. We also showed our new developments, and it seems that there were items, which might become of a certain interest to you.

Dick Chiles got a razor for you, and he also paid for it. I sent with him the Regency set, Art had got for me, and I hope you will not mind acting as a go-between, and have Art fetch it: it has to be put in order. The one, you got for us, operates well, and I thank you now also for sending the spare battery.

I want now especially thank you most heartily for sending the Candela book. It was very generous of you to provide space for my name in your dedication - this I did not have the slightest claim on. I am going to Paris next week, and will at that occasion present the book to Arnaud, with your compliments.

With regard to your plans to come over to the US for a visit, this will have to depend on a number of things, which are at present not yet fixed. I mentioned to our three visiting friends that our visit might take place within the next 30-60-90 days, but we do not know yet. One complication just occurred: Bo and Edith went to Sweden for a belated vacation - they expected to spend some time at our cabin in Dalecarlia - but after having arrived first at Sundsvik Edith had some bleeding, so she had to go to the hospital instead. There is some complication in regard to the expected child, and she will now remain in Sweden until the event is over /which is expected to take place in about 2 months/, so that she will get the best possible care. I understand that there is nothing very serious, but things like these are always most disquieting.

As to the change in plans for Bo, this was - as I indicated in an earlier letter - suggested in order to give him more responsibility: it did not always work out so well here, as very understandably Bo feels that he would be entitled to some more leeway in his actions. The new arrangement is not quite worked out yet, but in any case I can assure you that there will be no complications with regard to the working of our "gentlemen's arrangement".

I was most happy to hear from you that the ceremony gave you a lot of "lift"! Larry gave me two copies of the Nov. NSA Newsletter, and I will give one to Bo. I enjoyed enormously your speech, and I can only reiterate, how much I wished I could have been present at that solemn occasion.

You shall hear from me soon again, if not before so when I am back from my visit to Paris. And in the meantime Annie joins me in sending to Elizabeth and your good self our affectionate regards.

Sincerely,

Boris