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Mr. William F. Friedman,
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Dear Bill:

I received the reprint of your article on Codes And Ciphers a couple of days ago, and want to thank you warmly for it, and above all for your generous dedication and for the prominent display you have accorded my machines in the article. I have read it with great interest, and I would like to hear from you if the reprint can be obtained from the publishers in some quantities- I think I could use it with advantage.

I suppose that you have now seen Bo. I had a letter from him the other day, from Arlington. He gave me a piece of good news about you - that your bill has now reached the Presidents desk. And I sincerely hope that it will not be long now before it gets its final signature!

Our work here progresses, but it always seems so slow to me, although it could not be otherwise, as our resources in manpower are necessarily limited.

We have now at last finished the two prototypes for our 10-rotor machine, and they are now on their way to Paris. I am going there on Sunday next, and I expect some interesting days. And in Stockholm, my people there have finished the production model for the pocket machine. I have got some photos of it, and I must say that I am delighted with it. - It wont be very long, before Bo gets a sample, so you shall be able to judge for yourself, if I am exaggerating now.

It has been slow work with the projected portable ^{rotor} machine, the reason being lack of draftsmen. But we have made progress there too, and I think that we are very close to the ideal - for our purposes - rotor construction. We also believe we have solved the problem of the supply of the electric current needed, in a very neat manner.

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The last telecrypto machines, of the type you know, are now leaving our shop. And in August or September we expect to have production models for our new telecrypto ready.

And in the meantime, we have started the manufacture of the electric drive device for the C- and CX-machines - we have got a very neat design for it. By the way, it will also be used for the projected portable rotor machine, when an electric drive for this is desired.

I have now mentioned only part of our activities, but you see already from this that we keep busy. As a matter of fact, I have a list of 12 different devices, - some of them auxiliaries - which are in different stages of development or manufacture, here in Zug.

Annie and I are now looking forward to a real vacation, and we expect to leave for Badenweiler on the 22nd, for a stay of 3 weeks. In the middle of June we expect to drive up to Sweden for the summer. We are very happy to get our girls and their families to come to Sweden this summer. - We do hope that both you and Elizabeth are well, and we send you our love and best regards. Affectionately