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Dear Boris:

Many thanks for your letter of 20 November.

I'm sorry to learn that you have presently no idea as to when you might be coming here again for a visit to see your families in the United States, during the course of which we might have the pleasure of seeing you and Annie once more. The only possibility that I see for a visit by us to see you in Europe would be if I were asked by the people here to go over to visit you--and I'm positive that I won't be asked. I certainly will not ask anybody here to authorize and pay for my visiting you; and, much as I appreciate your good intentions, I could not possibly accept an invitation from you which does not have the approval and blessing of the people here, which I feel sure would not be granted. I say this for several reasons into which I do not care to go at this time.

I have just recovered from a bad cold which kept me under the weather for several weeks and prevented my doing much in the way of work or outdoor exercise. Except for one very heavy snowfall, which stayed on the ground for weeks, we have had nice weather--cold but clear. I hope that as soon as it warms up a bit I will be able to resume playing my almost daily game of golf, nine holes, with several other retired officers.

Recently I finished an article entitled "Jacques Casanove, Cryptologist," which will be printed in a journal in France. I'll send you a reprint when they become available. I found it interesting to write the piece and think it will be a useful contribution to the history of cryptology. It may turn into a book!

We have not been able to go abroad this winter, largely because I have to finish up some work projects. Maybe we'll go away during the coming summer.

We had a nice Christmas card and a few words from Art, who seems to be glad to be on the West Coast again. I do not hear from Bo, for reasons I can well imagine.

Did you and Annie have a fine holiday in Sweden? We hope so.

Somebody at Crypto A. G. (probably you) was kind enough to remember to send me a calendar, which is beautiful and which I've hung in my dressing room where I can see it daily. The cover photo is magnificent and reminded me of the doorway to the main house at Sundsvik. Thank you very much for it.

With affectionate regards from both of us to both of you, and with our best wishes for 1961, in health, happiness and good work, I am,

Sincerely,