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Dear Boris:

Many thanks for your nice letter of 7 January. I very much appreciate and thank you for your cordial invitation to be your house-guest, as well as to join with you all in celebrating Bo's 35th birthday anniversary.

As to the first of these invitations, I shall be grateful for the always-warm hospitality you extend and accept with pleasure. But as to the second, I hope you won't be too disappointed to learn that I am a bit dubious about being able to get there in time to join in the celebration. I still am not fully recovered from the influenza and, moreover, the reports we are receiving as to the kind of weather Europe is getting this winter sort of make me wish to postpone going until the bad weather lets up a bit. Since you have no special plans for trips after the one to Paris (1 February), I hope you won't mind my not setting or giving you in this letter a definite date for my departure or arrival. I will let you know about that at the earliest possible moment.

In the 5th paragraph of my letter of 7 January I referred to the CX machines on order for us and suggested a course of action which might be suitable to expedite our getting a machine soon, but in your letter of 12 January, in response to mine of the 7th, you failed to say anything about my suggestion. Could what was suggested there be done at once? We could arrange for air transport of one machine.

Also, would you be so kind as to send me in advance of such a shipment a copy of whatever operating instructions you may have prepared for the new machine.

I hope you will have a nice trip to Paris. Give M. de Chauny my best greetings, please, and tell him that if he could find for me some biographical data about a French cryptographer of about 1890 whose name was F. Delastelle I'd be most grateful. Who was he? What are the dates of his birth and death? What did he do for a living? Anything would be welcome, as we have in this country nothing at all about him.

I'm glad I mentioned Miss Barth in my last letter and I'm glad that we were able to do what we did for her.

Reciprocating affectionate greetings, I am,

Sincerely,