

18 January 1955

Mr. W. M. Bowers

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Dear Mr. Bowers:

I should have acknowledged receipt of your letter of 13 December immediately so that you would not feel that your letter failed to reach me or that I was neglecting you. I did not think it would take as long as it has to get negative answers with regard to Delastelle. There is nothing on record in this country and I can say this as a result of a search by our library consultants among all available sources. They turned up with nothing more than routine bibliographical data, that is, references to one or two of his cryptographic books in listings of works on cryptography. However, we are continuing the search for data and maybe I will be able to come up with something.

With cordial greetings and best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN