

CENTRAL BUREAU
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A.P.O. 923
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Mr. William F. Friedman,
Signal Security Agency,
Office of the Chief Signal Officer,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am most grateful for your complimentary letter regarding the award of the Legion of Merit. I have passed it on to the other five winners of the award who are all greatly pleased with your mention of their names.

I also gave your regards to General Akin who was pleased to receive them and who asked me to pass on his thanks. He said that he is still hopeful of being able to arrange for you to visit this theater. Unfortunately the moment is not quite ripe. He added, with a smile, that if the delay were much longer you would probably not come to Australia, but would more likely visit us in Manila.

I am inclosing for your special interest a copy of one of the General's latest ideas in Type A cryptanalysis. This is not yet the final form that will be employed, but is an indication of what we are aiming at. The most important change contemplated is the replacement of the sample pages by artificial samples not corresponding to any actual material. Erskine and I both derived considerable pleasure from the development of this little project and as for Colonel Aurell, he was tickled beyond description.

Please say hello for me to Mrs. Friedman and to the children who I trust are all well and happy.

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