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Dear Boris:

I'm a bit tardy in acknowledging receipt of your letter of 13 October (Your hope of getting the month correct was fulfilled!), and I am making herewith only an interim and very brief reply to it. After I've had time to consider its contents and have thought out a satisfactory solution to the problem you present I'll write again, and soon.

In the meantime, Boris, I cannot impress upon you too strongly the



I'm sending you herewith a photocopy of a translation of the brochure by Prof. Stiefel. I hope it is completely legible, and am sending it on to you without having had an opportunity to check the mathematical expressions and equations in the translation against the original German. I've just received the translation and wanted to get it off to you at once. If I encounter errors in a later checking I'll write you so that you may make the necessary corrections on your copy.

Secondly, I send you a photocopy of the only clipping I have or have seen about the issuance of your U. S. Patent No. 2, 851, 784. It came from the New York Times of 20 September, only four days after the patent became public. The data about your M-209 patent sale apparently came from the recent hearings before the Senate on a bill to award U. S. Navy Captain L. F. Safford the sum of \$100,000 for his crypto inventions. My name and award also figured prominently in the same hearings. The Safford bill was passed by both houses and was signed by the President about two months or so ago. It seems that I led the way and now the others who hung back, utterly without hope and discouraged at the prospect of ever getting anything, and, moreover, unwilling to dig in and study the law sufficiently to establish a valid case, are now very glad to hop onto the band wagon. I wish them all luck.

Finally, I enclose a couple of clippings which I've meant to send you months ago but which eluded me. Please return these to me at your convenience.

We are all well. I've been very busy indeed, but enjoying it. Elisebeth is also well. I find no mention in my last letter to you of an event of great importance and I can't understand how I forgot it! We have a new grandson, Walter Nicholas Frederick Freygang, Barbara's first stage production, whose arrival on 11 September was greeted with joy and relief, for she had a quite difficult time. The boy was so big, weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces at birth, that as a first child it was along and arduous labor. Both Barbara and the boy are fine.

With affectionate greetings and hopes that you are both well,

Sincerely,

Bill

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