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2069 Hostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York  
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Colonel William F. Friedman  
Head Cryptanalyst  
Office of Chief Signal Officer  
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Dear Col. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, to which was attached a carbon copy. In case this may have been due to a clerk's inadvertence, I am returning this copy herewith.

When I wrote you on June 3d, I registered my letter not only, but I addressed it to you as "strictly personal and confidential." If it is all the same to you, I want this letter to be on that plane.

You didn't send me any comments, nor did you say anything about Hitt or Moorman.

I sent you a 10-page printed document, entitled "Chaocipher", etc. This document contains approximately 2,700 words; of which I sent you about 98p.c. plain text, verbatim et literatim.

Now, keeping in mind this "Chaocipher" document alone; and prescindng from any other consideration of my cipher system, can you answer the following question?

Do you deny my assertion that this cipher document as it stands is indecipherable?

It is to be clearly understood that I am not asking you now to express any other opinion whatever - either in regard to the availability or indecipherability of my system.

Very truly yours,

J.F. Byrne