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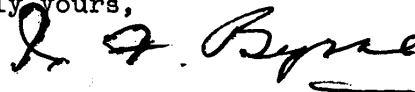
Dear Mr. Friedman:

On February 17th I wrote you a letter in which I said, "It is my conviction that my 'Chaocipher' system is universally available and is forever indecipherable. Have you any comment to make on this conviction of mine? Do you think I am right, or do you think I am wrong? If you have my book "Silent Years" can you prove me wrong right away by sending me a decipherment of example No.4, being an excerpt from a speech made by Douglas MacArthur, and that example bearing, as I wrote in my book, within itself, the complete instruction to an "initiate" for its decipherment?"

In my letter I also asked you whether you had a copy of my "Silent Years". If you have not a copy of this book I would be glad to send you one which you could return to me at your convenience.

And may I ask you kindly to reply to my questions as propounded in my letter of February 17th? I am doing this because I do not think you are any longer officially connected with the U.S. Government as a Cryptanalyst. If I am wrong in this assumption, you will please tell me. But, otherwise, I would ask you to answer the questions that I have asked you at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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