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Kruh Lou, 11:34 AM 6/21/05 , Chao

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To: Kruh Lou  
From: John Byrne <byrne@tops-tele.com>  
Subject: Chao  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Dear Lou,

I owe you an apology...

Last week while cleaning garbage out of my computer I found your thoughtful email of April 5th. It is a mystery how it got into "Trash" (along with some other unread letters) but the problem must be related to my being away on a visit to Phila, my sister in California, who was quite ill at that time.

In any event, a belated "thank you" for your letter.

I have spoken with Phila about your suggestion that I might donate the Chao material to The National Cryptologic Museum and she resoundingly agreed with me that our father would endeavor to reassemble his ashes and wreck havoc if I (we) donated it to anything at all... most particularly to anything even remotely connected with the National Security Agency. You will understand this if you recall my father's efforts to give the system to the United States Government. Efforts he so vividly recounts in his autobiography, "Silent Years."

Frankly, at this time our finances are such that I will try to find some way to profit from the sale or (other disposition) of the Chao Material. You observe that if I sell on eBay Chao "is gone forever." What possible difference will it make to Chao's perpetuity if it is sold or given away? I don't quite know how I'm going to try to market the stuff (actually the phrase "damned stuff" comes to mind) but it's high time I gave it some serious consideration...after I get the garden under control for the summer... procrastination is such a nice temporary relief... almost as good as a decision not to decide !

Perhaps you will share these thoughts with Cy. In that case please share my very warm regards with him.

In any event, please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

John

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