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Colonel Barton S. Pulling, USAF
SUSLO, London

Dear Bart:

Among the items of interest told me by Professor Wilks, in re his recent visit to GCHQ, was one concerning some studies now in progress there under [redacted]. These have to do with some ideas for testing people for possible cryptanalytic ability, and [redacted] and his associates have devised certain aids called "Progressive Matrices."

Wilks thought that [redacted]'s studies and these matrices are far in advance of anything else he's seen or heard about. You may well be aware that NSA is now having some similar studies made by a firm of consulting psychometrists. Hence, [redacted]'s work would be of great interest and perhaps much help to NSA.

Would you be so good as to find out what you can and maybe get samples of the matrices, instructions for their use, etc?

About the matter of [redacted], you will soon hear from me on that.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

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