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Sundsvik, Sweden, December 7, 1946.

Dear Bill:

Your kind letter of Nov. 29 just came to hand as a well needed reminder to answer your letter and note of Nov. 8, which should have been more promptly attended to. I am afraid that my ways of handling my correspondense are rather erratic. This does not however mean that I try to postpone my letter-writing indefinitely - it is only that I enjoy so much writing to my friends that I feel the need of real leisure, in order to be able to get down to doing it.

You will therefore realize that I was very glad indeed to have your letters, and also Elizabeths' delightful one, and both Annie and myself want to thank you for the all too kind words and sentiments. We certainly enjoyed having you, Bill, here, and only hope that next time it will be both of you, coming to see us.

The telegram from Paris did not reach us. You must have offended the censors in some way!

The travellers checks however were intact, and Art cashed them for me, so everything is in order. It was really no hurry with this.

My travelling plans have now matured to the extent that I have applied for a visa and made reservations on the "Gripsholm", due to leave Gothenburg on March 28th. Annie will stay at home this time, but hopes that it will not be long before she can join me on a trip westwards!

It was interesting to hear about Kirkes visit. I do hope that he shall not miss to look me up, when he comes to Sweden. He offered me about a year ago a share in his ticket-vending machine venture, but I declined the offer, because I had my hands full anyway.

With regard to the cryptographers, Kirke has not shown any interest after the winding up of the American business, but I will see, what he says, when we meet again. I think however that eventual future business in the US will have to be more on a commercial basis. Did I mention, that we are constructing also a new machine of the "BC" which we will place on the market at a price which will be at least 50% lower than that for the present keyboard machine. We expect in this way to create a larger market for the machine, and not only for military but for commercial use. I am working quite hard on this problem, - but my main work is nevertheles out here in the country. The brick works is nearing completion, we have all the machinery needed, and only the "refinements" which I have designed, will take some time to be completed. We hope however to be ready for operations early in the spring - and the day, when everything will be running smoothly, is eagerly awaited.

We had a cold spell, with ice on the lake, a few weeks ago, but since then it has been above freezing, luckily for our work.

I nearly forgot to tell you that I had a very nice letter from John Ramsay. I have however mislaid his address in Ithaca and would be very glad to have it, so that I could direct Bo to visit him from Groton, after the holidays. - I have let Bo keep the car, so that when I come to the US there will the means for us to use the car for trips of moderate length. I expect to have Bo as my companion during my stay, which will probably be about two months.

Annie and I hope that you are all well, and that you are now all settled in your new home, and ready for the holidays.

With affectionate regards from us both.

P.S. I hope you don't mind my just jaw about your name and address.

Sincerely,

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