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Dear Billy,

I believe I have the answers to the questions raised by you in your 21 September letter. Leslie Rutledge has been in a confab with John Tiltman and [redacted]

The Directorate at GCHQ takes a dim view of NSA formally asking for visits by specific GCHQ personnel. To get around this I suggest the following:

a. You ascertain if NSA-34 would profit by a visit from [redacted]. This you have done.

b. As the answer is "yes", you write a personal note to [redacted], explaining the Princeton angle (which he knows already) and saying that your personal checking indicates that NSA-34 would welcome a visit by [redacted] as mutually profitable. Ask [redacted] if in his opinion GCHQ would profit from [redacted] visiting NSA. Then, tell [redacted] that if he believes that such a visit would be worthwhile, a formal proposal from the Director, GCHQ to the Director, NSA for [redacted] to visit NSA would be warmly received in America.

c. Depending upon how you felt, you could probably arrange for invitational orders to be issued to [redacted] to permit him to travel via MATS. As you know, the British usually travel by one of the "Queens" and I do not know if the Director, GCHQ would be willing to pay the bill for this expedition nor if Director, NSA would want to go to the trouble of getting invitational orders issued. This last could be done in this channel: NSA to Department of the Army (G-2) to the Army Attache, London who would actually cut the orders but on D/A authority. It seems to me that what you do here is to balance cultivating Wilks against the inconvenience. I leave this problem with you!

Pete, just before he left, checked on your package from Selfridges. It was posted on 9 September, post office sheet no. 1856. I expect you have it by now or will soon. With dock strikes at both New York and London, a delay of six weeks or more would not be uncommon.

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Sincerely,

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