REF ID:A62751



**28 April 1955** 

## -BECRET-

Colonel Barton S. Pulling Senior U.S. Limison Officer 7 North Audley Street London W 1, England

Dear Bart:

/EO 3.3(h)(2) PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

Today I was appris	sed of your receipt of somewhat astonished th	a letter from Boris at it should contain a
	/	

rather than get it secondhand -- unless, of course, he is "fishing."

My recommendation is one you certainly hardly need from met tell him nothing about and act surprised if he does ask, suggesting then to him that he go direct to the source for his information. He might ask you for an address, which would then show he is certainly embarked on a piscatorial expedition. "War Office" would be enough!

I have had a couple of letters recently from Hagelin Senior and there has been no hint whatsoever about a trip to London. This is another reason why I suspect that he plans to try to do some "fishing," for he usually tells me in advance of any trips that he is planning to make and the very fact that he has failed to do so in this case is in itself significant.

In closing, I want to say that it is possible that Mr. Hagelin did not quite express accurately what he had in mind to say to you,

EO 3.3(h)(2) PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

SECRET

REF ID: A62751

## SECRET

CRUT

EO 3.3(h)(2) PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

not only because the inference which I mention above (about a piscatorial expedition) is so foreign to what I know of his character and of his previous bonest and "above-board" dealings with me, but also I know that he makes mistakes in typing. He may not have meant at all that he was going to try to get this information from you but from the expless and he wants to let you know he's going to be in town so as not to take you by surprise if he telephones. (Hemember, he has the number from having phoned me at your office.)

I'm getting better fast!

Sincerely,

OGA

## WILLIAM F. PRIEDMAN

P.S. I may have already told you that when Hagelin Jr. saked me last year who you are I instantly replied that you were our European of troop formations in that part of the world, they had to have things provided them for cryptocommunications; and that you took care of that sort of things for us -- distribution of codes and diphers, etc. That seemed completely to satisfy him.

And, also, are you sure it's Hagelin fir that is coming to London! I wonder if that couldn't be an error for Hagelin Jr, who was there before.

SECRET