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Lt. (j.g.) James Pierce, USNR
Cambridge City Hospital
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Lieutenant Pierce:

I hope you will forgive me for my tardy response to your letter of April 2, 1946.

In connection with your request for material for use in the pursuit of your avocation, I think it would be advisable for you to apply to the Navy Department for such material in view of the fact that you are a member of the Naval Reserve. Arrangements between the two organizations are such that military personnel qualified to engage in such studies can only obtain material from military sources, and vice versa.

I hope that your desires can be met in this way.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Director of
Communications Research

Correspondence, General

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Agree. Suggest you tell him
 that since he is Naval Res - he
 will have to apply to Navy - you
 will tell him to look in the Navy
 he may apply

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As a policy, I think in the past we limited that naval personnel obtain such literature from Navy sources & the Navy has reciprocated as regards military personnel. I think it is a good policy. What do you think?

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Friedman, ASA
FROM : F.S.L.G.
SUBJECT: James Pierce

DATE: 15 April 1946

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ever implicated
if he is
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us.

Op-20 G has no record whatsoever of the character, his abilities and ambitions. FBI tell me that he served with them as he states but that he was regarded as a rather poor security risk and a gaffer-in-trouble. He would appear to be somewhat unstable.

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Hope this merger info. will serve your purpose.
Regards,

A handwritten signature consisting of a large, stylized initial 'L' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dear Goodwin:

Would you be good enough to let me know how this might be answered? Maybe you can find out the basis for Mary's refusal to let him have any material.

Thanks.

4 April 1946

Friedman

Cambridge City Hospital
Cambridge Mass
April 2, 1946

My dear Mr. Freedman:

My deep apologies for this unceremonious intrusion on you at such a busy time. The purpose of this letter is a very simple one. Being in Washington a few weeks back I tried to contact you without success. I am trying to obtain materials for use in the pursuit of an avocation of mine namely, cryptanalysis. My interest in this subject stems from a dual source, one a lifelong interest, and two, a year's experience as a cryptanalyst at the F.B.I. from 1941-42. However since 1943 I have been attached to the medical corps and have had neither opportunity or source material with which to continue my study. The Army either cannot or will not fulfill any request for material. In view of your eminent position and in view of the fact that we regard your series of books as study material, I am requesting permission to obtain these and any other books which are not of too secret or restricted a character. Also I would like to enroll for a correspondence course if possible. I will be most grateful for any time or help which you may extend in my behalf.

Sincerely,

Lt. J. James Price, USA/R (inactive)