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Dear Stewart:

Many thanks for your clipping. Apparently there's no stopping a chain reaction in the news media once it gets started.

Yes, indeed, I saw Sack's piece in The New Yorker, a satire on a piece by one Melchior in Life a couple of weeks before--an utterly absurd piece of tripe.

Glad to hear everything's going so well and hope it continues so.

By the way, if in your peregrinations you should come across books of interest to me and my collection, I'd be glad to hear from you by air mail before you pass 'em up or buy!

Best regards to both of you.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Spec. Assistant.

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Dear Mr. Friedman,

Just a hasty note, — I'll write you again soon. I intended to send you the enclosed when it appeared, so you'd know how good the news coverage is.

On the lighter side, did you see "My solution of the Grant's tomb cipher" by John Sack in the New Yorker of 18 September.

Everything is going well, and I hope the same is true with you and your work.

yours

Stewart Cairns

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

18 June 1951

Dear David:

I am much indebted to you for your letter of 1 May with its very interesting enclosure.

Dudley-Smith had done so well to arouse my interest that I am sending for the books he mentions as his authorities and will study them intently. Strangely enough, cryptographic history, so far as I know it, fails even to mention that chap Philipps, and I shall try to learn more about him.

Please convey my personal thanks to Dudley-Smith for his research on the case and for his illuminating analysis.

Your note about the use of nuns by the Germans settles the matter in my own mind.

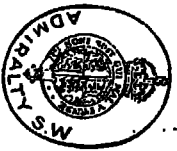
I am not slated to go to either of the forthcoming meetings in London this summer, but possibly will come over in the autumn, for another one not yet definitely scheduled. I should be most happy to see you then and to renew friendship - maybe play a round of golf with you. We had a nice round here with Eric, whose putting was much off that day. He's a wonderful golfer, and I was entirely beyond my depth. My partner, Admiral Jack Redman, saved the day for my side, while Eric's partner, Captain T. A. Smith, USN, was off his game. So the Admiral and I came off with the honors, much to my surprise.

Reciprocating your kind regards, and trusting that my letter finds you in good health and spirits, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Captain, the Earl Cairns, R.N..
In care of G.C.H.Q.

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May 1st 51.

Dear Friedman.

I promised, during my stay in Washington last Autumn, to answer two points which arose during one of our informal discussions on the Golf course or in your car!

The first concerned a statement by you regarding crypto: in the trial of Mary Queen of Scots - I promised to send you some further information. Well, here it is at last & I claim no credit for the exhaustive study enclosed because all the hard work has been done by Dudley Smith.

The second concerned a statement by me that the Germans employed a page number of hours on analysis. You doubted the accuracy of this. We can find ^{no} evidence to corroborate my statement so your doubts were well founded. My original source was the verbatim script of a lecture given by my predecessor here - but on being challenged, he cannot substantiate it although he says he believes it to be true!

I wonder if there is any chance of your coming over here this summer. I should very much like to renew our friendship & to return your delightful hospitality.

With kindest regards to Mrs Friedman & also to my many friends in AFSA.

Yours very sincerely
David (Quin's).