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Dear Tommy,

I have noted with interest your letter of 12 October on the subject of Interim Report #1678 issued by the Special Processing Division (NSA-72. As a matter of information for both of us, I have had your report looked into quite carefully.

You are correct in your determination that this is an elementary course in cryptanalysis. It is designed specifically for internal use within NSA-72 to provide additional instruction to personnel from the Training School entering into work with NSA-72. The examples given are specifically directed toward the Russian Problem to give more specific direction to training incoming personnel.

When the report was completed, it appeared that this type of material would be valuable for overseas installations which had a similar problem. At that time, it was coordinated with the Training Division who suggested that it be sent to the Field. It was received with considerable praise from European contacts, and ASAE has requested 300 additional copies.

The document has now been taken over by the Training Division who is doing some additional work on it prior to its publication in quantity. I hope, with the above information, you will re-read it with a view toward using its more valuable attributes to our advantage in the Pacific areas.

Sincerely

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