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Sundsvik, Sweden, Nov. 24, 1947.

Dear Bill,

I want to thank you for your letters of Nov. 8 & 18th, and Annie and I also thank Elizabeth so much for hers of the 8th(?). We were so pleased to hear from you both, and to hear that you prefer the beautiful country place to life in the city. That is our feeling also - we very much prefer living our here, to Stockholm, even if Stockholm is a nice city. I very seldom go there more often than one day per week, and am always very happy when I am back here again. Even now, when the weather is unpleasant, and all is dark in the evenings, we prefer Sundsvik to the city lights.

With regard to the M-209-business, I just learnt that the machines for the Dutch East Indies were picked up by the Netherlands Purchasing Commission in New York, but where they got them from, is not revealed. The offer was transmitted to Java beginning of September. - And as Stu may have mentioned to you, both the Brazilian and Venezuelan govmts have been entertaining the ideas, that M-209's could be bought in the US. I do hope this is now put a stop to.

We have also heard recently from Art & Ingrid. Art wrote that there was a 30% chance for him to get a job in San Fransisco, so we are very anxious to learn now, if they are going to stay out there, or if they will move to Washington.

While recently in Paris, I have exchanged some letters with Stu, and now hope to hear from him soon, with regard to his trip to Europe. I very much hope to be able to meet him in Switzerland.

And the jam business! Annie knows nothing about the cookies, so friend Carl Armfelt must have got in a jam all by himself! He wrote however to us that he had been to see you at Que street, that you were not at home, and that he had given the jam to a lady in the house, who put it into your refrigerator. I will now write Carl and ask him what he really has been up to! You might perhaps try to call him up, and tell him that I have put the FBI on his trail. His phone is Ordway 0642.

We were very happy to learn that Barbara likes her job and that she will not tire of it. Please give her, and also John, our very best regards. I was sorry that I could not see them when I was last in the US, but hope for better luck next time - when?

And so with regard to the M-209/C-38 literature. When I got your letter a couple of days ago (Saturday) I called on Qvarnström at the office and asked him to see, what we could have for you. Now I will be in Stockholm tomorrow, and hope to be able to get the papers sent, eventually by the US Embassy pouch. I will take some more time for the private papers for you, but I am afraid that there will not be very much of interest. Most of our material has only been typewritten, and it seems that we shall get some good descriptions only sometime next year.

I was quite satisfied with my trip to France, and among other things I got the job of building a machine for them for the production of one-time-blanks (I think this is the name for it).

I do hope that all is well with you all. Annie and I send you our love, and hope to hear from you some time again!