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BORIS HAGELIN

Mr. William F. Friedman,  
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Dear Bill:

I thank you very much for your kind letter of Dec 1st. This was forwarded to me in Stockholm - from where I have just returned - but I did not have time to answer it there.

I was glad to hear that you had a report from your associates, re their visit in Zug. I think their visit was very useful, as they got a certain impression of our activities here, and also some information about our plans.

I hope that during my forthcoming visit to the US I may have a chance to talk these things over, not only with you, but also with the General so that he may know exactly, where I stand.

With regard to Bo, I have again a surprise for you: it has finally been decided that he shall move to the US, where he will take care of my interests in the Western Hemisphere. I will tell you the reasons for this last minute shift, when we meet. I think however that you shall already now agree that this move should be to your advantage.

Now, as to our visit: Annie and I will arrive - God willing - in New York, on the "United States", on Jan 25. We will then go to Washington first, provided Arthur Hill will be christened then, and provided Margareta and her family can come to Washington for this event. Otherwise we will go and visit Margareta first.

Our intention is to stay in the US until March 6, when we expect to sail again on the "United States". We liked this ship so much, when we made our voyage home in Jan '50, so we decided to travel on it both ways this time.

It was most kind of you to invite us to your home, when we come to Washington. But will this not be too troublesome for you and Elizabeth? Let us revert to this question, when we know more about our travelling plans.

Our intention is to visit some relatives, others than our girls, and also some friends, and we have yet to make out a schedule.

I understand well that you chafe under the tyranny of the scales. I am myself able to keep my weight, without too much trouble, at 175 lbs, that is when I stay at home and eat only one heavy meal - luncheon - each day. I usually get about 5 lbs overweight every time I return from a visit in Paris, but this disappears quite fast back in Zug.

My last visit in Paris was quite a success. As a matter of fact, there has been a lot of activity since our mutual friends, Larry & Co, left, and I think it would be best if I reported the highlights orally, when we meet next.

Annie is now quite all right, and I also, although I feel pretty tired out. The voyage to the US should prove good relaxation, and I only hope that the visit in Washington shall not tax my nerves as much as last time. *It took me most of the year to recuperate!*

Now I close, with our love to Elizabeth, and affectionate regards to you both.

Sincerely,