

4 May 1956

Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
Zug
Switzerland

Dear Boris:

Many thanks for your very interesting letter of 24 April. I hope that by this time the copy of my revised article in the Britannica has arrived.

I inclose herewith a copy of a clipping which will contain information of interest to you about me but don't forget that the President has to sign before I get a penny and there is no guarantee that he will sign. The information about the passage of the Bill by the Senate has let loose a flood of reporters after me for interviews and stories and so forth. A week from today we should know the answer to the \$100,000 question.

I am sad and angry that having begun to reach up out of the depths of a depression I should now develop a physical ailment which is best described as some sort of derangement of my internal plumbing system. I don't take things like that very gracefully, for when I am physically very uncomfortable I perform somewhat like a six-year-old, which makes not only me mad but also Elizebeth, who tries very hard not to show it.

We were extremely sorry to learn about the illness of Annie. At your last writing you said that she had rallied and had regained most of her strength. I hope that this recovery has gone on to its final stages.

As soon as I got your letter and saw that you were rather upset about Bo I called Inky and learnt that she was just on her way to the airport to meet him on his arrival in Washington. I also learnt that you were to be notified by telephone or cable and so I did nothing further on my own to allay your apprehensions at not hearing from Bo.

Bo called on the telephone several days ago and I spoke with him briefly. He wanted to come to visit me but I was not feeling quite up to it and suggested that he call me in a few days. I imagine that he is very busy trying to find a place to live and this I regard as a rather courageous piece of business, considering that he is going about this without Edith. I could probably write several pages of philosophical ramblings on this point but I will confine myself to saying merely that it is clear that Bo must be sure that he knows what Edith will approve, if not like.

Both Elizebeth and I were glad to meet Dr. Hell and Mrs. Hell and to have them with us for coffee in the afternoon. I do not recall that we

invited him for dinner and he must be a little confused about this. However, I am sure that if I had been feeling up to it we would have invited both of them to dine with us. I enjoyed talking with him very much.

I note what you say about work going on as usual. I hope that the various problems, which I know are not easy to solve, will be solved and that you will produce some very excellent things. I am glad that you plan to keep me posted on the developments and thank you in advance for such courtesy.

With regard to the postscript in which you said "in case the General should inquire", I did not tell him that the request by Rosy never reached the authorities on the SS United States. I am sorry about that but I think that if you had just stated your wish to the Purser or somebody of equivalent or higher rank you would have been taken around to see the works.

With love to Annis and affectionate greetings to you, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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Dear Boris,

Elizabeth and I drove out to the Conradi's yesterday afternoon and I had a nice talk with Bo. I was wrong about his buying a house without Edith's seeing it first. He has been "looking around" thus far - only that much.

D. F.