

Zug, April 9, 1956

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Mr. William F. Friedman,
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Dear Bill:

You must have wondered why I havent written long ago. The reasons have been many, above all much to do, many visitors, Bos return from South America and subsequent emplaning, with family, for the US, and then after all this a rather severe, but not too persevering nervous conditio

We also had some curious weather lately, with lots of snow, but now it seems that spring is on the offensive again.

First of all I, and with me Annie, want to thank you and Elizabeth so very much for all you hospitality, and also for all the interesting things you helped me to be able to see! Our stay in the US was a most happy and interesting one, and you can take much of the credit for this, - but you will realize that we were rather tired when we came back here. Annie went down with flu, and it has taken her a long time to recover. She is better now, and I trust that she will soon be quite allright again

Our work here is progressing satisfactorily, and we expect to have the two first HX-56 ready in a week or so. They are then going to our friends in Paris, who will later on show them at some NATO meeting. I am satisfied with these prototypes, on the whole. The functions we have built into them are surely what our customers expect, but there will of course be a number of details, which will have to be modified so that they will stand up during use. I have especially been critical of the construction of the rotors, and while the present rotors will probably perform properly in the prototypes, I am going to make some interesting /I believe/ changes, which should remove the objections I have made against the original construction.

If you are at all interested, I will keep you posted on the progress of our work. It seems that this year will allow us to progress very satisfactorily in several directions.

And time flies: We wont have much more than 6 weeks here in Zug this spring. We will leave for Badenweiler in the Black Forest on May 22, return here on June 12, and then go to Sweden a couple of days later. We would have liked to be in Sundsvik already on the 10th of June, this being the day our girls and their children arrive there, but having arranged for our "cure" in Badenweiler already long ago, it was impossible to change this.

Bo should be in Washington or vicinity one of these days. You will realize that it is a rather strange feeling, to have him and his family gone. But I am sure that he will feel much happier with his new position, which will give him a considerable amount of independence. I will get Nyberg here in July, to fill Bos place, so I shall have a most competent aide when he comes. By the way, our new building will also be ready in July, and then we shall be able to do some real manufacturing here.

I had to make a correction, and tore the paper, please excuse!

Now we do hope that you feel better and better, day by day! You should have seen me a week ago, I was

then a complete wreck. But you know, man is a tough animal!
Love to both you and Elizabeth from affectionately yours Annie and *Stella*