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I am not able to drive any more because I could not pass the strict tests for driver's permit which are now in effect, and also because traffic conditions in and around Washington have become impossible for me. My heart hasn't been up to the tasks I undertake and recently I scared my doctor. He came to see me twice without being asked to do so. House calls by physicians are now very unusual--and expensive. We have Medicare and our experience with it thus far is that our (the U.S.) form of Medicare leaves much to be desired. Our medical costs are more because we have Medicare, yet the repayments--so-called--that come to us aren't worth all the paper work it takes to put in the claims. It is a good program for the really poor, who never got ~~ANY~~ ANY medical care before, and those persons really get hospital and nursing-home care, up to 90 days per year. We got a Medicare payment of \$12 in 1966 after Elizabeth's days and days of work getting the papers in on the costs--already paid by us--on a total medical expense amounting to nearly 1800 dollars. Item after item was stamped "Not covered". But enough of that.

It is good to know that your recent physical examinations turned out well, that your heart is in excellent shape, and that the possible malignancy was ruled out.

We are glad too to learn that you were pleased with the signatures I sent you, and that the Kodachrome enlargements will "get their place of honor" in your library. I feel much honored.

We have been occupied a good deal with our books and papers and, as I told you, I've willed my Collection to the General George C. Marshall Research Foundation and Library, where it will have proper care and the ~~MAXIMUM~~ possible appreciation of qualified scholars who may some time in the future want to consult the Collection. By the way if your bookdealer can get them you (any find the following books of interest (one is not a book, but a newspaper special edition).

- 1) Tucker, Wilson. The Warlock. Doubleday, 1967. \$3.95.  
I haven't seen this book yet, but I plan to buy a copy. All I know about it is from friends who tell that it is one of The Crime Club Series, and that it deals wholly with NSA, under the guise of a romantic novel.
- 2) The Wednesday, 7 December 1966 Special Supplement 2A of the Chicago Tribune. It has a very long anonymous article on Pearl Harbor. None of us on the "inside" has any firm evidence of authorship but we think it must have been prepared by some one who violated our very strict secrecy law

and was an "insider". I assure you it was not!!  
 3) Farago, Ladislas. The Broken Seal. Doubleday, 1967, pp.  
 439. \$6.95

Doubtless you have heard of this book from Bo. For the  
 list of Acknowledgments(p.383) the very first name listed  
 is Bo's. I therefore wonder what Bo may have told Farago  
 that gave him(Farago) "aid and comfort". One of these days  
 I shall phone Bo and ask him to come over for a short visit.  
 I don't think Bo knows how ill I have been.

At this point I decided to call Bo's office right then and there.  
 I reached Mr. Dobler with whom I had a pleasant talk. From him I  
 learned about your family having a big celebration for your 75th  
 birthday at Sundsvik. Elizabeth and I are so ashamed that we did  
 not recall that this year was your 75th birthday and send a proper  
 salute to you. We can only reinforce our regrets for not having  
 sent our affectionate salutations on the proper date, and hope that  
 you will accept them belated though they are. We think that the  
 absence of your beloved Annie must have given the occasion some  
 grayness, for even now our own hearts ache when we think of her  
 not now being by your side.

Mr. Dobler told me something about Bo and the Farago association. I  
 am glad that Bo did not appear with the author on the TV interviews  
 on CBS-WTOP station in Washington. I told Mr. Dobler that Farago  
 had made strenuous efforts to see me over a period of more than  
 two years before the book went to press, but I refused consistently  
 to see him or even talk with him. I also told Mr. Dobler that I did  
 not wish to make any comments about the Farago book--indeed I could  
 not--except to say that he had apparently done good deal of research  
 but that he was never permitted any access to the Sancto Sanctorum  
 of either the Army or the Navy.

Mr. Dobler said he would have Bo call me when he gets back. We shall  
 be pleased to get a first-hand report from Bo about you and the rest  
 of the Hagelin Family.

Affectionately  
 Bill

Address: letter to  
Mr. Bill Sr.,  
Sundsvig, Sweden  
REF ID: A2263868  
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It is good to know that your recent physical examinations turned out well, that your heart is in excellent shape, and that they have ruled out a possible malignancy in the prostate gland. It is also good to learn that you are happy, have plenty of work — and that you can do it.

We are glad to learn too of your appreciation of the signatures I sent you and that the Kodachrome enlargements will "get their place of honor" in

giving me the benefit of their knowledge and recollections. Major aid (and, occasional comfort) was given by Boris Hagelin, Jr.,

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By the way, if your bookdealer can get them you may find the following two books of considerable interest:

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In the course of researching this book I have spoken to or corresponded with a great many people who were generous in

our very strict security law and was an "insider" — not 9! I'm affectionately Bill

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P.S. After <sup>finishing</sup> ~~drafting~~ the draft of this letter I suddenly decided to try to phone Bo at his office but I got Mr. Dobler, with whom I had a pleasant talk. I learned that your family had insisted upon holding a celebration at Sundsvig to commemorate your attaining the young age of 75 on 2 July of this year. Our sincerest congratulations! We think <sup>that the birthday party may have been</sup> ~~dimmed somewhat~~ by the absence of you (and also our) dear Annie. Mr. Dobler gave me the news about Bo's relations with Mr. Farago. I'm glad Bo did not appear on the two TV presentations on the noon news on CBS - WTOP station (in Washington), <sup>to popularize his latest opus.</sup> I made very few comments on Mr. Farago and his book. ~~I told Mrs. Dobler that~~ I simply and frankly told Mr. Dobler I could not and did not want to make any critical comments <sup>on or about the book</sup> except to say that it would appear quite obvious the Mr. Farago had done a lot of research - but that he was never permitted to have any access to the Sancto <sup>of either the Navy or the Air Force.</sup> Sanctum. Mr. Dobler promised to have Bo telephone me as soon as he returned to Washington. <sup>I told him</sup> that I had nothing special in mind except to invite <sup>Bo</sup> ~~him~~ to come for a short visit to give me a first-hand <sup>report</sup> about you and the various members of the Hagelin family in Sweden.

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Mr. Farago made strenuous attempts to see me while his book was in process of preparation and that I refused either to see him or talk with him.