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Dear Dr. Adair:

Receipt of your very kind letter of 1 November is acknowledged.

It is with considerable regret that I must tell you that I have been unable to do very much in connection with the article you asked me to prepare on eighteenth century cryptography. The principal reason is that my health has not been of the best for the past year or so and I have had to relinquish a good many activities and interests. However, I am slowly getting stronger and have by no means given up the idea of preparing such an article. I therefore crave your patience and perhaps by next Spring will have something to submit. In the meantime, let me thank you for the suggestions contained in your letter and when I get to the point where I feel as though the time has come to approach the various people you mention I will get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN