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Dear Boris:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your last letter dated 28 April, answering mine of 22 April, which arrived just after you had mailed yours of 25 April.

I am home now, having been brought there by ambulance from the hospital on Monday. The only reason for the ambulance was to avoid having to walk up that rather long flight of stairs, which you will no doubt remember. (By the way, we are having a small elevator installed where the back staircase used to be but it will not be ready for operation until a week or two longer.) I am, of course, much more comfortable in my own place and I hope to make very rapid progress. I will have to stay home for another two or three weeks.

In the meantime there is nothing urgent to write about in connection with your letter or with one from Bo, written also 28 April and for which please give him my thanks. In a few days I will write you again, a bit more in detail perhaps, and especially if I find out something to do about the possible shipment of the CBI. It may be that a way could be found which would be perhaps better for the apparatus and at the same time not too much trouble for you. One thing that occurs to me at the moment is that maybe it could be arranged for you to get the box to Colonel Burris, who could then get it to Frankfurt, perhaps without any difficulties at the German Customs border. From Frankfurt to Washington it could easily go by air. In view of the fact that Colonel Burris will probably be telephoning me any day now, in regard to the mechanical shaver which you said you were sending with him, I will keep this in mind and ask him what the possibilities are at his end for getting the box from Berne to Frankfurt. However, let us not worry about this because, at the worst, if it has to come to us with one or two transshipments, we have the means for adjusting things that might get out of line.

Reviewing our recent correspondence shows me that I have not acknowledged receipt of your letter of 25 April, but I will at the moment only thank you for the list of patent applications which you

enclosed. This list should be very interesting and useful to us.

I am pleased to note you are having some summer weather now and also that Elizabeth's wild rice appeals to both of you. Affectionate regards to Annie.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN