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Dear Dr. Bowers:

Following up on my previous correspondence about the Frenchman Delastelle, I went to the trouble of writing to a couple of friends in France to see if anything could be dug up about him without undertaking a major piece of re-search. It turns out that the gentleman is a most elusive character, but I think you might take some interest in the letter which I enclose from my friend, Professor S. Cairns, who happens to be in France on a Fulbright mission. The Professor had a bit of a job in making a precis of what the Frenchman had put out, but of course that is not what you wanted.

I have one more bow to my string and at the propitious moment will launch it in the hope of its finding a target.

Just at the moment I am flat on my back in one of Washington's hospitals with what appears to be a minor heart attack. I don't know how long I will be incarcerated but I have my fingers crossed.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

Incl.  
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