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Kruh Lou, cy, 08:45 PM 4/4/05 -, Chaos

To: Kruh Lou, cy
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Subject: Chaos
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Hello Lou,
CC CY

Your email came as a timely surprise. I have been seriously thinking of you and Cy and Chaocipher lately... even checking some material on the Internet. Were you reading my mind?

Since receiving your note I have re-read the 1990 article in Cryptologia as well as my father's "Silent Years" and a considerable volume of his correspondence. Also have re-read Greg Mellen's article in the 1979 issue of Cryptologia as well as my letters to him of which I am belatedly more than ashamed.

You wonder do I want the "full story" of the Chaocipher revealed. So much has been written and so much speculated (and so much inaccurately surmised) that I wonder what I could possibly contribute to enhance the story beyond my own very personal and sometimes somewhat difficult (read "painful") recollections.

Frankly I am entertaining the thought of trying to rid myself of all these "ghosts" by using Ebay or someplace to auction off the Chao device I used with you and Cy for our demonstrations...with all the surviving bits and pieces (all in working order) including all of my father's development notes and his correspondence (including many of the original letters) and the remains of his machine blueprints which have not seen the light of day since almost half a century ago when I rolled them up and put them with other ephemera in a comparatively "safe" place.

I would need some help with all or any of this.

You and Cy have any thoughts? Would it be fun? Would it be stimulating? Would it be of any interest to anyone but ourselves?

If you are in touch with him, please say "Hi" to Cy.

With very warm regards.

John