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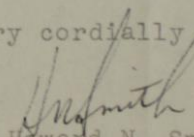
Mr. J. F. Byrne  
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Dear Mr. Byrne:

I have your letter of March 7th, and Howard Lewis and I have just finished a careful reading of the paragraphs in Silent Years to which you made reference. There appears to be but one conclusion from the evidence thus presented. Furthermore, just as we must be the judge as to when we are intellectually convinced of the fundamental validity of the Chaocipher, you must be the judge as to who is capable of imparting such a conviction to us. Therefore, as you have indicated, it is necessary for us to get together if we are to begin this undertaking.

With regard to your proposed trip west, we both hope that it will be possible for you to make this trip as you have planned, and are looking forward to meeting you with great enthusiasm. I trust that you will notify us once your final decision is known, and at that time we can make further plans as appropriate.

Very cordially yours,

  
Howard N. Smith

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