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Dear J,

Harv gave Hal some letters to give me. These were anonymous, originating in Watsonville back in January. Harv mentioned them to me when I was last there.

As soon as Hal gave them to me I remembered the right buff, left half on my third team. Today I got a reply. Please tell Harv, in person only, that what had been sent him as a translated message in code in some of the evidence checks out word for word the way it was given to him.

This does not prove that it was a coded message, nor does it prove that if it were, the message is either correct or open to dispute. It would require several more identical samples, that is, samples of the identical method, to establish that this, in fact, is a code. My buff is also a cryptographic buff and is working on other, similar things, one including what is known as a grille code.

However, if this is, indeed, a coded message, and if the message is in the open and correct, then it would indicate that our dead Dreyfus was wired both ways politically, which I am not prepared to believe and have no independent basis for believing. Further, if the source document is read carefully, the plain language in it is not accurate. This does not mean the inaccuracy was not of the author, who certainly knew just what he was writing of himself was untrue.

Excuse the haste. I must now take my class.

Sincerely