My dear Mr. Chaplin:

I thank you for your favor of 7 January, 1937 and have delayed writing you in order to communicate with my brother, William Ridgely Chapline, who I thought might have the information you desire or give you perhaps a lead where to obtain it. Am sorry that I have no information which would help you and regret that I have not followed more closely the genealogy of my family.

I have learned from my brother that you have communicated with him and I understand he is looking up the records in his possession and will communicate with you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Vance D. Chapline, Commander, U.S. Navy.

Mr. James P. Chaplin,