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FILE NO.

SUBJECT

William F. Friedman Files

TO AG

FROM TNG

DATE 27 Apr 60

COMMENT NO. 1

N.S. Lee/TNG-01/3678/cac

1. On 23 March 1960, the Office of Training was approached by Mrs. Clyde Christian, AG-24, regarding the possible loss of certain documents once in the possession of Mr. William F. Friedman. DIR/SEC had a copy of a letter of transmittal to R/D 03/01, dated 6 March 1959, assigning the responsibility for the documents to Mr. Newman S. Lee, Jr., TNG-01.

2. The attached memorandum for the record explains how the Friedman files in question were erroneously assigned to Mr. Lee's responsibility and how they were finally returned to the AG through two separate channels.



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cc: DIR SEC

Incl:
a/s

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

27 April 1960

SUBJECT: William F. Friedman Files

1. On 23 March I was told that I had signed for certain classified and unclassified technical documents once in the possession of Mr. William F. Friedman, and which the AG thought were lost. Neither premise proved to be correct.

2. The specific materials in question, 17 numbered envelopes, were given by Mr. Friedman to Mrs. Mary Vesper (CSEC) to hold. Although few, if any, of the documents were originally obtained from TNG or were being used in conjunction with the TNG contract with Mr. Friedman, Mrs. Vesper transferred them to Mr. Frederick J. Ashenhurst (TNG) for safekeeping, presumably until needed again by Mr. Friedman on his return from a trip to Mexico.

3. Mrs. Vesper told me that Mr. Ashenhurst inventoried the materials, listing the items in each envelope and taking possession on a letter of transmittal executed by Mr. Ashenhurst over the signature block of Mr. Newman S. Lee, Jr., TNG-01. (Reference letter of transmittal to R/D 03/01, 6 March 59.) Mr. Lee was not advised of the transmittal document nor had he seen or handled the materials which were stored at NSS by Mr. Ashenhurst.

4. Later in 1959, Mr. Friedman asked Mrs. Vesper for return of 9 of the envelopes in question and Mrs. Vesper retrieved them from Mr. Ashenhurst and returned them to Mr. Friedman. She received an official Classified Document Receipt for them and sent a copy to AG.

5. The remaining envelopes in Mr. Ashenhurst's possession were then forwarded to Mr. L. D. Callimahos (TNG-03) for safekeeping.

6. Later DIR/SEC and a representative of AG took possession of all of the NSA materials in the hands of Mr. Friedman, including the materials retrieved from Mr. Ashenhurst and other items unknown to TNG. All of the materials apparently uninventoried, were locked in metal containers and deposited in the AG vault.

7. On 22 March 1960, when TNG transmitted the remaining envelopes to AG-24, Under receipt, the whereabouts of the other materials in the Friedman file were questioned and after search were found in the AG vault.

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