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Mr. Burke H. Flinn, Sr. Office of the Commissioner Treasury Department Bureau of Customs

Dear Mr. Flinn:

Your letter of 18 December 1952 should have been answered long ago but the Christmas holidays and the pressure of business delayed my response.

I am sure that your son would make a good addition to our force, in view of his present assignment in the Air Force and his educational background. What I suggest he do right now is to apply for transfer to the Air Force Security Service (AFSS), in accordance with Air Force Regulation No. 35-53 of 21 November 1949. If his application meets with approval, it is possible that he might get assigned to some AFSS unit near his present station. His interest in cryptographic work might be much increased by such a transfer. Whether he transfers to the AFSS or not, I further suggest that, if he has not already done so, he apply for enrollment in extension courses in cryptography. These are Army Security Agency courses but I feel quite sure that they are open to Air Force personnal. His Communding Officer should be able to advise him as to the mechanics of making his application for enrollment. You might tell your son that if information about these courses is not available to his Commending Officer to let you know. You can then advise me and I will see if I can be of assistance.

It might also be a good idea, some time soon, for him to fill out a "Form 57" and send it to the Civilian Personnel Office, Air Force Security Service, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, or if he wishes, he could send me the form and I will pass it on to where it will do the most good.

Hoping that you will forgive me for tardiness in replying to your letter, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN Consultant

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cc: AG C/S CONB

M/R: Mr. B. H. Flinn wrote Mr. Miedman regarding the possibility of his son obtaining a position in cryptographic work when his enlistment in the AF is completed.

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Wilkins Building 1512 H Street, N. W. December 18, 1952

Colonel Wm. Friedman 4204 North George Mason Drive Arlington 3, Virginia

Dear Colonel Friedman:

A mutual friend, Mr. H. H. Kelly of the State Department, has spoken to you I believe regarding an inquiry made of me by my son concerning the possibility of a position for him in cryptographic work when his term of enlistment in the Air Force is completed.

The particulars concerning him are as follows: His name is Burke H. Flinn, Jr. He will be 24 years old on February 14, 1953. He is at present an Airman 1st Class. His number is 1338349. He is attached to the 11th Communication Squadron, 3rd Air Force, at Bushey Field, near London I believe. His term of enlistment will expire in January 1955. He is a graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School and has had approximately two and one-half years of college (Georgetown University). At the time of entry in the Service he was working in a real estate office and going to law school at night.

I shall greatly appreciate it if I may hear from you regarding him, and shall be glad to furnish any further particulars which you may desire.

Sincerely yours,

Burke H. Flinn

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