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 ARMY SECURITY AGENCY  
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

EXTENSION TRAINING DIVISION  
 ARMY SECURITY AGENCY SCHOOL

20 August 1947

Mr. P. M. Lawrence  
 115 Branch Avenue  
 Red Bank, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your letter of 14 August 1947 has been referred to the Army Security Agency School for reply.

Unfortunately, no records of the courses you studied in the Munitions Building are now available to the Extension Training Division. If you have retained copies of Certificate of Completion for the courses, it is recommended that you show them to the personnel officers when you return to active duty and request that appropriate entries be made in your records.

Enrollment in Army Extension Courses is now limited to the following:

Military personnel of all components of the Army.

War Department civilians whose duty require a knowledge of the training they desire.

It is understood from your letter that you will return to active duty in the near future. It is recommended that when you return to active duty, you apply for extension course training through your commanding officer. Three copies of WD AGO Form 145, Application for Enrollment, are inclosed for your convenience. You are requested to list the subcourses you completed in the past in paragraph 3 of the inclosed forms. A copy of the Announcement of Extension Courses of the Army Security Agency 1947 - 1948 is also inclosed to assist you in selecting the subcourses in which you will be interested. The subcourses marked "A" are currently available for distribution. Others are in various stages of preparation.

If you feel you need refresher training in cryptography before attempting cryptanalytic subcourses, it is recommended that you make your initial application for Subcourse 10-5, Basic Theoretical Cryptography, and follow with 10-6, Basic Practical Cryptography. These two subcourses will serve as excellent preparation for Subcourses 20-6, 20-16, 30-17, and 30-18, the subcourses in cryptanalysis. Because of your previous training you may find

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these subcourses comparatively easy, but many new procedures and problems are contained in the new versions of the courses you studied in 1930.

Sincerely yours,

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1. Announcement
2. WD AGO Form 145  
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PETER M. BOSCO  
Director

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August 19, 1947

Mr. P. M. Lawrence,  
115 Branch Avenue  
Red Bank, New Jersey.

Dear Lawrence:

Your letter of 14 August 1947 was forwarded to me from the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. I am acknowledging its receipt at once, thinking that you may want to have early information on the matter about which you write.

I am turning your letter over to the proper section of our Staff for handling, as the people there are in the best position to give you definite answers to the questions you ask.

I remember your participation in one of our classes for reserve officers and presumably there should be some official record thereof, as well as of your work in the Army Extension Subcourses we conducted.

I am glad to tell you that my health has improved a great deal since our last meeting, and I have been on the job quite steadily ever since.

Reciprocating your kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman

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115 Branch Avenue  
Red Bank, New Jersey.  
14 August, 1947.

Mr. William F. Friedman,  
Office of the Chief Signal Officer,  
Washington, D. C.

Mr dear Mr. Friedman:

Perhaps you will recall my attendance at one of your classes for 14 days, in 1930 if I recall correctly, at Munitions Building. While this was a short course, considering only hours involved, I have felt that the knowledge of principles of operation gained in make-up and break-down of systems, and other valuable principles, have given me a strong basis of fundamentals on which to work. This seemed to be proven in the ease with which I was able to accomplish later correspondence lessons in cryptography.

It seems that a record of my taking this course under your direction never became part of my record on form 66-2. How can I get it recorded thereon for a Crypt. spec. No?

In a few days I expect to put in an application for return to active duty mentioning the above tour of duty. I have no way of knowing whether it will carry appropriate significance, usfficient to get back where I left off February 20th 47, but I think it worth the effort, as I was fascinated by the work involved and would like to put the work I have already put into the study to some practical use for the Army and myself, as well. If correspondence courses are again available, I'd like to take up the work and study again - perhaps you can advise me on this procedure. I should have established clearance requirements, having completed M.I. course at Ritchie (Md.), 17 July, 43.

I haven't run across a single member of that class since Feb. 1942. Have often wondered whether any of them got into the work during the war. Do hope you are feeling better than when I last saw you.

Best personal regards,

/s/ P. M. Lawrence

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