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 Vint Hill Farms Station
 Warrenton, Va.
 22 November, 1944

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My dear Mr. Friedman,

You may have recently wondered about my progress here and the result of my efforts to continue in the army the studies in signal work I had started in civilian life.

I am deeply sorry to have to disappoint you by telling you that I have applied for transfer from this organization to the Signal Corps Photographic Center, Astoria, L.I.

Basically, my request stems from my disqualification by medical authorities at the Ft. Meade Regional Hospital for overseas duty and the understanding that this precluded separation from this unit. Medical authorities have advised me to avoid certain foods to which skin tests indicate an allergy which while impossible on a regular post can be done by my providing my own rations on a per diem basis. Too, I require constant treatment for a skin affliction which is very tenacious. Both are thought to be the cause of a recurrent head pain.

You must understand my feelings of chagrin in leaving to waste the opportunity I might have had here for important work and still more your efforts in helping my transfer.

However, you will recall that I broached this subject only when it appeared that the military service might benefit from my transfer to here and on no other consideration. Now, too, I feel that since close work is out of the question, I will be able to perform most useful duty as a script writer in the Photographic Center which is currently undergoing reorganization and where several vacancies exist.

Please know that I will always appreciate your kindness and miss this opportunity. In closing may I offer you whatever service you may ever think me capable of rendering as a newspaperman or otherwise.

With sincere hopes for the good health of you and your loved ones, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Wm R. Sears

William R. Sears, 12126000
 Pfc, Co A.

23 August 1944.

Pfc William R. Sears, 12126000,
B Company, 31st Signal Training Bn.,
ASFTC,
Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Dear Private Sears:

A paper was started here the other day with view to effecting your transfer to Vint Hill Farms Station upon completion of your basic training. I think the chances of its going through are pretty fair and I hope that your wishes for specialized training will be gratified.

With best personal wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman,
Director of Communications
Research.

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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SUBJECT Transfer of Pfc William R. Sears

Number each action	To—	Memorandum	Name, Division or Branch, and Date
1.	Capt. Cadorette, Second Sig.	<p style="text-align: center;">Do you know anything about the closing of the cryptography school at Crowder? Is there any chance that this man could be sent to V.H.?</p> <p>Atchd: Ltr to Mr. Friedman, 7-31-44, frm Pfc Wm. R. Sears, and ltr dtd 7-17-44 frm Sears.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>F.</i></p> <p>William F. Friedman, Dir of Com Res., 19 August 1944, Ext. 215.</p>
2.	Dir of Com Res	<p style="text-align: center;">Action being taken by OCSigO to effect this transfer to Vint Hill.</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 20px;"><i>to CG to CG Reg VHP for affected completion</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Arthur J. Cadorette</i></p> <p>ARTHUR J. CADORETTE Capt., Signal Corps Adjutant 22 August 1944</p>

B Company, 31st Sig Tng Bn
ASFTG, Camp Crowder, M.
July 31, 1944

My dear Mr. Friedman,

I hope you will not mind my quick succession of letters, but I'm sure you won't object to my letting you know of my transfer to the Army Service Forces.

Perhaps you recall when I was transferred to Camp Pickett, Va., that your efforts to obtain me were stalled by the fact that I was then with the Army Ground Forces.

When I telephoned Captain Cabrette before reporting here, he suggested that this might be the first step in my ultimate transfer to the 2nd Signal Service Battalion. However, I learned today that the cryptography school here is closed and that I am to study radio operation.

I am hoping that the possibilities of my service with you which you foresaw during my talk with you still exist and that the Office of the Chief Signal Officer can act upon the recommendation you made a few months ago.

Please know that I understand perfectly the mountain of work you face daily and the difficulties under which you must work. Consequently, any result of our interchange of letters will not dampen the feeling of gratitude I have for your kind consideration and patience with me. Too, I understand very clearly that any action whatever will be derived from nothing but my qualifications for the work I am assigned to.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



William R. Sears
Pfc 12126000

Box 2601
Washington, D.C.
July 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Friedman,

I hope you will forgive my silence since our interview a few months ago but it is the product of my caution.

Shortly after I spoke to you, I was transferred from the 78th Division to the Office of Strategic Services here in Washington. You may surmise what qualifications may have interested the organization in me.

As yet, however, I have not been definitely assigned and am currently awaiting further developments.

Being uncertain about my future and reluctant to say anything of which I wasn't sure, I have kept silent.

It is possible I may be assigned to that section dealing with the field where we hold common interest. Or, I may be assigned elsewhere using a few of the talents the organization feels I can use. In any event, my outlook is not clear. It is possible, too, that having come here so late, many doors will be closed to me. In that event, I would like to have your permission to submit for consideration here the letter Captain Cadorette gave me in which he advised me that he could use my service. In that event I could be transferred there directly.

However, I do not anticipate leaving OSS although my inactivity recently while waiting for a spot had naturally introduced me to the possibility that no opening for me exists.

I am sure, nevertheless, that I'll get the chance I've been hoping for and in that event I will take advantage of your invitation to keep you posted and write you of my doings.

With very best regards and deep thanks for your kind consideration, I am,

Sincerely,

William R. Sears

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3 April 1944

Lt. Col. William F. Friedman
Director of Communications Research
Headquarters, Army Service Forces
Office of the Chief Signal Officer
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your kind acknowledgement of my recent note to you regarding my desire to transfer to an intelligence function wherein I can make use of my language and cipher training.

As I had heard rumored, our organization was broken up and sent to the 78th Infantry Division, currently stationed at POM Camp Pickett, Va.

I hope you will not feel me obtrusive if I seek to keep you posted of my address. I would be awfully disappointed if any positive action you might initiate were frustrated by mail delays.

With thanks again for your kindness and hopes for your best, sir, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Pfc William R. Sears
ASN 12126000

A.P.O. #78
78th Signal Co.
78th Infantry Division
Camp Pickett, Va.

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27 March 1944

Pfc. William R. Sears
E Company ASTP, 1149 SCSU
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Private Sears:

Receipt of your letter of 23 March is acknowledged. I would have answered more promptly had it not been for the pressure of official business.

I am turning over your letter to the proper people here to see if anything can be done. I cannot offer very much hope because as you probably realize, what you are asking is a bit difficult, but I can only try.

Very truly yours,

William F. Friedman
Director of Communications
Research