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Capt. Laurance F. Safford, USN  
Room 1505, Bg-L  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Laurance F. Safford  
In re: and Donald W. Seiler  
Serial No. 568,368  
Filed 15 December 1944  
For: Control Circuits for  
Electric Coding Machines.

Sir :

There is forwarded herewith a copy of an action by the Patent Office dated 20 March 1945 in the above-identified application.

It is requested that you carefully study the office action in conjunction with the grounds relied upon by the examiner in rejecting the claims, and that you point out wherein you believe the examiner is incorrect in such rejection. It is also requested that you submit any suggestions you may care to offer in regard to rewording the rejected claims.

A full compliance with this request will be of material assistance in drafting a response to the Patent Office action.

The enclosures should be retained by you for possible future reference.

Your reply addressed to

Office of Patents and Inventions,  
Navy Department,  
Washington 25, D. C.

should be made not later than 10 July 1945.

Respectfully,

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*10 July 1945*  
*Reply not expected*

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Enclosures

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