

Classified Documents in Possession of William F. Friedman

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1. At the request of the Deputy Director, the Director of Security contacted Mr. Friedman and suggested that since he anticipates being out of the city for an extended period of time, the Agency classified documents in his possession should be maintained at NSA for safekeeping until his return. Mr. Friedman indicated that he would be leaving the city shortly after 1 January 1959 and agreed that definite plans should be made to pick up the classified documents sometime during the week of 29 December. Mr. Friedman voiced no objection regarding Agency classified documents in his possession. He did indicate that he has a considerable amount of material which is historical and was once classified. It has since been declassified and subsequently, on the basis of a Department of Defense ruling, classified again. Mr. Friedman stated that this material was widely disseminated when it was declassified and much of it is in the public domain. He pointed out that this material has been integrated into his library and it would be difficult for him to locate. He expressed extreme reluctance in having this material turned over to the Agency.

2. It appears that this problem breaks down in two parts. The first is Agency classified material which has been loaned to Mr. Friedman. This material should be easily identifiable and can be picked up and returned to the Agency by personnel from Security without any difficulty. The other problem deals with material acquired by Mr. Friedman over many years. This material probably is not easily identifiable and some difficulty would be encountered in locating it, determining its classification, and returning it to the Agency. This is particularly true in view of Dr. Friedman's reluctance.

3. It is felt that Mr. Friedman is probably true in his observations that much of this material is widely disseminated and in the hands of people without clearances. It is felt that no grave Security problem would result by leaving this material in the home of Mr. Friedman during his absence. Mr. Friedman is on notice that this material is classified and therefore is enjoined from using it in the preparation of any articles or books which he may desire to write. It is recommended that personnel of this Office, accompanied by personnel from the Office of Administrative Services, visit Mr. Friedman during the week of 29 December to recover Agency classified material and other material in Mr. Friedman's possession which is easily identifiable and which he agrees could be held at NSA during his absence.

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