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1. I refer to my DF to you dated 5 December 1958 recommending that Security, accompanied by a representative of the Office of Administrative Services, visit Mr. William Friedman. The purpose would be to procure from his possession available Agency classified material and other government publications dealing with cryptography now considered CONFIDENTIAL which he would agree could be held at NSA during his absence from the country. I visited Mr. Friedman at his home, accompanied by Mr. Gilliam of AG and Mr. Cook of my office on the afternoon of 30 December 1958. Mr. Friedman advised that all classified Agency material in his possession has been returned to the Agency and is being held in a special safe at the Naval Security Station. He made available numerous publications dealing with cryptography in his possession which may now be considered classified CONFIDENTIAL. This material is being inventoried by a member of the AG and Security and an appropriate receipt of the inventory will be forwarded to Mr. Friedman. The material will be held by the AG for Mr. Friedman, along with the other material which he has returned to the Agency.

2. Mr. Friedman voiced no objections to my taking this material, however, it was quite obvious that he felt deeply hurt and that the material was being taken for reasons other than Security. He stated that this material deals with the history of cryptography and should belong to the American people. He remarked that the Director should know that he would not publish any of this information if that was the desire of the Director. Mr. Friedman pointed out that Part 6 of Department of Defense Directive 5200.1 dated 8 July 1957 deals with the security of classified communications. He feels that this refers specifically to crypto systems of the United States, not the crypto systems of other nations. He stated that applying this Directive to old historic Signal Corps material dealing with cryptography or crypto systems of other nations is a misapplication of the directive. He feels therefore, that the material in his possession which has previously been declassified should remain that way and should not now be considered classified CONFIDENTIAL. He specifically asked that I bring his feelings and concern to your attention.

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