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*The response for  
24 Feb.*

Major Rhea M. Smith, USAR  
Assistant to the President  
Rollins College  
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Rhea:

I hope you will forgive me for a somewhat tardy response to your letter of 14 November, but it took a bit of coordination to get the data you requested.

There are being sent you herewith, for a 3-month's loan, the documents listed on the attached receipt, which I will ask that you sign and return to me. The loan may be renewed.

I will not undertake at this time to comment on your interesting letter except to say that I think you are quite warranted in keeping your progress on the book under wraps, that I understand perfectly your disinclination to name the author or the title, that I hope you are on the right track toward a complete solution, and that if I can help you later on - in case you get mired hopelessly - I will be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN  
Consultant

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DOWNGRADED TO *Unclassified*  
WHEN INCLUSIONS BE REMOVED

8 Incls:  
Receipt (in dupl.)  
and 7 items as listed  
on receipt.

1. Mil. Crypt. Part I
2. " " " II
3. " " " III
4. Cryptanalyst's Manual, Cryptanalytic Data for French (CM 30-21)
5. Cryptanalyst's Manual, Cryptanalytic Data for French (CM 30-22)
6. Cryptanalyst's Manual (Section 20-30)
7. CM 80-10 - Table 1 - Freq. of letters of (Misc. Lang.)

cc: AG  
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M/R:

Major Smith, G-2 Reserve Officer, was during WWII employed at ASA, HQ, and his last assignment thereat was Chief of the Historical Branch. He is now at Rollins College and doing some research in connection with his attempt to solve a 16th century book allegedly in cipher. Recently he

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wrote Mr. Friedman for data which might assist him in that work. Mr. Friedman consulted with Cmdr. Pendergrass, Chief of NSA-18, who agreed that there was no reason why Major Smith could not receive, on temporary loan, the material being sent him herewith (all classified ~~RESTRICTED~~).

William F. Friedman/60493/24 Nov 52

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