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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, MUNITIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: Interview with Herr Erich WEINTRAUD

1. On 29 September 1952 two of my representatives reported to Lt. Col. John M. Bradley, Director, Office of Cataloging, for the purpose of interviewing Herr Erich Weintraud, Chief of the Patent Department of Telefonbau and Normalzeit G.m.b.H., a German manufacturing firm which was proposing a cipher machine for consideration by the United States Government.

2. The proposed machine has not been developed and based on information furnished by Herr Weintraud my representatives determined that it is not suitable for use by the United States.

3. For security reasons it is undesirable to have the identity or existence of this Agency become known to foreigners and, therefore, I prefer not to engage in correspondence with Herr Weintraud or his concern. I am inclosing a proposed reply to Telefonbau and Normalzeit G.m.b.H., and I would greatly appreciate your forwarding a letter substantially the same to them, making no reference to the Armed Forces Security Agency or the National Security Agency.

4. I wish to express my appreciation to you and to Lt. Col. Bradley for the cooperation given in this matter.

/s/ RALPH J. CANINE
Major General, US Army
Director, National Security Agency

Incl:

Draft of Proposed Letter to
Telefonbau und Normalzeit G.m.b.H.

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M/R: Self-explanatory.

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Telefonbau und Normalzeit G.m.b.H.
Frankfurt am Main, Germany

ATTN: Herr Dipl.-Ing. Erich WEINTRAUB

Gentlemen:

On 29 September 1952 Herr Erich Weintraub displayed to the Munitions Board plans for a cipher machine. These plans have been carefully studied; the United States Government does not desire to acquire this equipment at the present time.

The Munitions Board is pleased to have had the opportunity of viewing the plans of this device, and would be glad to consider any other such equipment your firm may be contemplating.

Encl. to memo of Chron, Munitions Bd.