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Mr. Burke H. Flinn, Sr.
Office of the Commissioner
Treasury Department
Bureau of Customs

Dear Mr. Flinn:

Your letter of 18 December 1952 should have been answered long ago but the Christmas holidays and the pressure of business delayed my response.

I am sure that your son would make a good addition to our force, in view of his present assignment in the Air Force and his educational background. What I suggest he do right now is to make application for enrollment in extension courses in cryptography. These are Army Security Agency courses but I feel quite sure that they are open to Air Force personnel. His Commanding Officer should be able to advise him as to the mechanics of making his application for enrollment. You might tell your son that if information about these courses is not available to his Commanding Officer to let you know. You can then advise me and I will see if I can be of assistance.

It might also be a good idea, some time soon, for him to fill out a "Form 57" and send it to the Civilian Personnel Office, Air Force Security Service, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, or if he wishes, he could send me the form and I will pass it on to where it will do the most good.

Hoping that you will forgive me for tardiness in replying to your letter, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Consultant

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M/R: Mr. B. H. Flinn wrote Mr. Friedman regarding the possibility of his son obtaining a position in cryptographic work when his enlistment in the AF is completed.

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