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YOFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

15 March 1950

Dear Mr. Fischer,

Reference is made to your letter of March 10 to the Secretary of Defense relative to patents on inventions by Colonel William F. Friedman, which you handed to me.

After looking it over, it appears that this is a matter for the Army to handle since Colonel Friedman was a member of that service and his inventions pertain to an agency which was under the Army at the time in question.

Under the National Security Act, the military departments are "administered separately by their respective secretaries." I am, therefore, referring your letter with its enclosures to the Secretary of the Army for his consideration and with the request that you be advised as to the proper office to which you could present the matter in full.

Yours very truly,

LEVEN C. ALLEN
Major General, USA
Executive Secretary