

HEADQUARTERS ARLINGTON HALL STATION  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
ARLINGTON, VA.

21 December 1944.

Colonel Parker Hitt,  
U. S. A., Retired,  
Genlue Park,  
Front Royal, Virginia.

Dear Colonel Hitt:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the very excellent photograph, and especially the kind words and autograph thereon. I feel extremely proud to display it amongst the other dignitaries in my photograph collection. Your courtesey in providing a suitable frame is also very much appreciated. I have always referred to you as the "Father of Cryptanalysis in the American Army", and possession of your photograph adds very greatly to the treasures among my collection.

I was very glad to receive by courtesy of your daughter the notes which you addressed to her in connection with the Voynich Manuscript. I shall be happy to present them to the group at our next meeting on behalf of both you and your daughter. I do not know whether she has written you any of the details of the latest clue which I presented before the group at our last meeting. It seems an excellent lead to follow through, and I believe that the group will undertake it. Your daughter's participation is most welcome.

Thank you again and with our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman,  
Director of Communications Research.

24 October 1944.

Colonel Parker Hitt,  
U. S. A., Retired,  
P. O. Box 884,  
Front Royal, Virginia.

Dear Colonel Hitt:

I am enclosing the necessary form for your daughter. If she will complete it and shoot it to me in the enclosed franked envelope, I will see that the case gets prompt attention.

It was very nice to hear your voice last night and I hope that some time soon we can get together.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman,  
Director of Communications  
Research.

2 Inclosures:  
Questionnaire and  
Franked Envelope.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO

FROM

- Commanding Officer
- Asst. Commandant
- Dir. of Com. Research
- Executive Officer
- Asst. Executive Officer
- Adjutant
- Asst. Adjutant
- Chief, Headquarters Branch
- Coordination Section
- Inf. and Liaison Section
- Chief, A Branch
- Chief, B Branch
- Chief, C Branch
- Chief, D Branch
- Chief, E Branch
- Chief, F Branch
- Dir. of Training
- 2d Sig. Serv. Bn.
- Property Officer
- Personnel Officer
- Provost Marshal
- Post Engineer
- Classified Mail Room
- Secretary to C. O.
- General Files
- 201 Files

- Comments and Return
- Recommendations
- Information
- Information and Return
- Inf. and Forwarding
- Your Information and File
- Signature, if approved
- See Note on Back
- As Requested
- As Discussed
- Your Action

Is this OK to send as  
 personal letter? Or  
 would you prefer official,  
 for your sig?  
 OK WPC J.

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Army Service Forces

SPSIS-3

14 December 1943

Colonel Parker Hitt  
Chief, Signal Branch  
Headquarters, Fifth Service Command  
Fort Hayes  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Colonel Hitt:

Away back in September you sent through official channels some photographs of what you called the "original model of cipher device M-138" and said that the model and a duplicate was made by you at Ft. Sill in 1916.

We are very glad to have these photographs for our historical records and I would have sent you a personal note of acknowledgement long ago had it not been for the fact that I had a recollection of having come across something very closely related to the subject when going through some old files. I had put the thing away and then could not remember where, but I knew it would turn up sooner or later. The other day it did turn up and I am sending you a photograph of the thing.

This would appear to be the very first model of your form of the strip cipher system. The strips themselves are about 1/8" wide and 6" long. They were placed within two slots cut in a piece of cardboard on which appears your name probably written by yourself. When I came across this thing I made the note on the thing which you see in my handwriting at the top of the photograph. Can you now verify my remarks?

I do not know where this letter will find you but it would be nice to hear from you and to learn that you and the family are well. With very best regards,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman  
Director of Communications  
Research

Incl--photograph

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of

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**Army Service Forces**  
**Headquarters, Fifth Service Command**  
**Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio**

In reply refer to:  
 SPVSS 311.5 Gen.

10 September 1943.

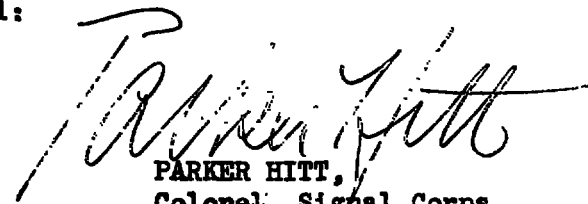
**Subject:** Original Model of Cipher Device.

**To:** Chief Signal Officer, (SPSAC),  
 Washington 25, D. C.

1. The enclosed photographs may be of interest for the files of Signal Security Branch, Army Communications Service.

2. The model and a duplicate, made by the undersigned at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1916, have been used for personal telegraphic correspondence for many years.

For the Commanding General:



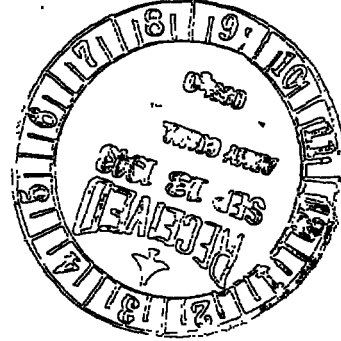
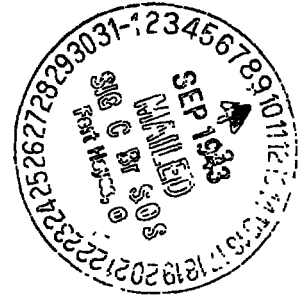
**PARKER HITT,**  
 Colonel, Signal Corps,  
 Chief, Signal Branch.

✓ 3 Incls:  
 Incl 1-Front view Cipher Device  
 Incl 2- " " " "  
 Incl 3-Back " " "

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JEEF SIGNAL OFFICER



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18 August 1943

Colonel Parker Hitt  
Signal Officer, 5th Service Command  
Ft. Hayes, Ohio

Dear Colonel Hitt:

Major Rowlett and I wish to thank you most sincerely for your courtesy in autographing the manuals. They arrived in good shape a few days ago, and this is the first opportunity I have had to indicate our appreciation.

I still hope to see you sometime in Washington soon if they actually go ahead and retire you as has been threatened.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman  
Director of Communications  
Research

SPSIS-3

23 July 1943

Colonel Parker Hitt  
Signal Officer, 5th Service Command  
Ft. Hayes, Ohio

Dear Colonel Hitt:

In going over some old books and documents in my collection, I found a couple of copies of first editions of your "Manual for the Solution of Military Ciphers". One of these I promised to give to Major Frank B. Rowlett, my oldest and closest associate here and he expressed the great desire to have it autographed. If I send you both copies would you be kind enough to autograph one for him and one for me? I assure you they will be treasured.

It would be nice to see you to renew acquaintance; do you ever come to Washington?

I have fully recovered from my illness and have been on the job ever since I came out of the hospital. I recently returned from a two months visit to England on an official mission. I found everything extremely interesting.

With most cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman  
Director of Communications  
Research