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Regular Meeting Monday, October 14, 6:00 P.M. Sharp. Crystal Room, Hotel Lorsine.

"Events in the Daily Life of a Cryptanalyst". B; Major William F. Friedman, Sig.-Res., of Washington, D.C. The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides and several interesting exhibits.

Major Friedman is Chief of the Code and Cipher Section in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, War Department, where he is in charge of the compilation of all codes and ciphers employed by the Army. He has probably had more practical experience in the little-known field of cryptography than any other person in the United States. In 1916, while in charge of the Department of Genetics at the Riverbank Laboratories, Geneva, Illinois, ne became interested in the subject as a hobby. Largely through his own initiative he mastered what little information was available, and presently he began making original contributions to the field. Soon the imminence of our entry into the World War led the government to ask for his services, as a result of which he became the director of a school in which many of our officers assigned to decoding enemy documents were trained. Later he was commissioned and sent to American G.H.Q. as a member of the Radio Intelligence section of the General Staff. After the war his services were considered valuable enough to lead the War Department to ask that he continue his work with the Signal Corps, where he is often called upon by other government departmentsand sometimes, as in the case of the Oil Investigation, by the Senate - in his expert capacity.

The annual statement of dues payable is inclosed at this time and also an application blank in case you have some friend who would like to become a member of our elub. Since we are better able to handle a larger membership in our new meeting place, it is possible for the Board of Directors to accept some new members at this time.

Please fill out the inclosed reservation card as soon as you can, but reservations can be made by telephone as late as the noon hour preceding the meeting. In case you wish to make a reservation, please call the home phone of the Secretary at B.5347 and such reservations will be taken care of. Any cancellations under our new scheme can be made as late as Sunday evening preceding the meeting. We hope that this extension of time on reservations and cancellations will meet with the approval of the members. We still have to make a guarantee of reservations, so please bear in mind the above, requirements

By Order of the Board of Directors,

L. H. Kessier

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