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SIGNAL CORPS PATENT BOARD

MEETING NO. 6

August 28, 1936

1. The Board met at 2:00 P.M., this date, in Room 3435, Munitions Building. All members were present.
2. The purpose of this meeting was to consider the following cases and make recommendations for appropriate action:
 - a. An invention by Captain H. G. Miller and Mr. W. F. Friedman, entitled "System and Means for Enciphering and Deciphering Magnetically Recorded Signals".
 - b. An invention by Colonel J. O. Mauborgne and Mr. W. F. Friedman of a system for enciphering matter electrically transmitted by facsimile or telephoto means.
 - c. An invention by Mr. W. F. Friedman of a system and apparatus for enciphering and deciphering telephoto-transmitted messages, sketches, photographs, documents, etc.
 - d. An invention by Mr. W. F. Friedman of a system and means for automatic sorting of documents.
3. The Board finds:
 - a. With reference to the invention of Captain H. G. Miller and Mr. W. F. Friedman described under Par. 2.a. above:
 - (1) That the invention has insufficient military value to warrant prosecution of patent by the War Department.
 - b. With reference to the invention by Colonel J. O. Mauborgne and Mr. W. F. Friedman described under Par. 2.b. above:
 - (1) That the invention, if novel, has military value.
 - (2) That the invention arose in connection with and as a result of the official duties of Colonel J. O. Mauborgne and Mr. W. F. Friedman.
 - (3) That the inventors desire to obtain a patent under the provisions of Par.5, AR 850-50.

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c. With reference to the invention of Mr. W. F. Friedman as described under Par. 2.c. above:

- (1) That the invention, if novel, has military value.
- (2) That the invention arose in connection with and as a result of the official duties of Mr. W. F. Friedman.
- (3) That the inventor desires to obtain a patent under the provisions of Par. 5, AR 950-50.

d. With reference to the invention of Mr. W. F. Friedman described under Par. 2.d. above:

- (1) That the invention has insufficient military value to warrant prosecution of patent by the War Department.

4. The Board recommends:

a. That Captain H. G. Miller and Mr. W. F. Friedman be informed that the invention described under 2.a. above has insufficient military value to warrant prosecution of patent by the War Department, and that there is no objection to their applying for patent on this invention provided such application is prosecuted without expense to the War Department.

b. That final action on the invention described under Par. 2.b. above be withheld pending a search of patent records to determine the novelty of such invention, and that Colonel J. O. Mauborgne and Mr. W. F. Friedman be so informed and requested to treat the invention as confidential until such time as this information may be ascertained.

c. That final action on the invention described under Par. 2.c. above be withheld pending a search of patent records to determine the novelty of such invention, and that Mr. W. F. Friedman be so informed and requested to treat the invention as confidential until such time as this information may be ascertained.

d. That Mr. W. F. Friedman be informed that the invention described under Par. 2.d. above has insufficient military value to warrant prosecution of patent by the War Department, and that there is no objection to his applying for patent on this invention provided such application is prosecuted without expense to the War Department.

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