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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
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Subject: Patent Application, Ser. No. 36,868  
Electrical Switching Mechanism

March 28, 1939.

To:

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Intelligence Section,  
War Plans and Training Division,  
Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

1. There is submitted for your information copy of a further official action from the Patent Office in this case, the Examiner's letter being dated March 21, 1939.
2. There are a total of sixteen claims remaining in the case, of which nine have been indicated as allowable. The remaining seven claims are now under final rejection.
3. The final rejection means that the prosecution of the case is normally closed as to the seven finally rejected claims, so that if desired to contest the final rejection an appeal would be necessary. As at present advised, an appeal seems unnecessary in this case since the claims allowed appear to adequately cover the invention. It is suggested, however, that you carefully review the case and if for any reason you consider it desirable to make a further effort to secure favorable action on any of the finally rejected claims, your reasons in the matter will have full consideration on hearing from you in this regard.
4. A response to the official action must be made within six months from its date, that is to say, by September 21, 1939, at the latest. This response would either take the form of an appeal if further contesting the final rejection or, in the alternative, allowance of the application may be secured by directing the cancellation of the finally rejected claims. If it is desired to defer the issuance of the patent, the response to the outstanding action may be postponed until just before the expiration of the time limit.



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