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Subject: Patent Application, Ser. No. 300,212,
Cryptographic Device
(M-138A)

To: Mr. William F. Friedman,
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1. This will report an action of the Patent Office in the above case and there is submitted for your information and keeping copy of the Examiner's communication of Nov. 9, 1939, together with copies of the patents cited against the claims. The copies of United States patents are intended for your keeping, but you are requested with your reply to return the photostats of the two British patents.

2. A formal response to the official action will be due for filing in the Patent Office not later than May 9, 1940. Meanwhile, when you have had an opportunity to study the reference patents, please submit any suggestions which you may wish to offer to assist in bringing out distinctions in favor of your invention over the art of record.

3. It will be noted that the Examiner requires division along the lines indicated on page 2 of the official letter; but it is believed that on taking the case up with the Examiner in person that the divisional requirement will be waived in accordance with the special practice applying to Government cases in this regard.

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