March 12, 1936

Memorandum For Messrs. William F. Friedman and Frank B. Rowlett, W.P. and T. Division, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Improvement in Cryptographs New Patent Application

1. The documents and drawings for the above entitled patent application have now been completed and are submitted herewith for approval and execution prior to the filing of the application in the Patent Office.

2. In executing the application, each of you gentlemen should be careful to sign his full first, middle initial and last names at the three places indicated in pencil and then take acknowledgment to the oath before a notary public who must also sign and impress his notarial seal. If any changes or corrections are deemed necessary or desirable, please indicate the same in the carbon copy sent for purposes of checking. One set of photostatic copies of the drawings is also transmitted at this time for purposes of checking.

3. Your attention is called to the fact that this application has been placed in a secret category and the Patents Section has been directed to take the necessary steps to invoke the provisions of Section 4894 R.S. in accordance with the procedure initiated by the Chief Signal Officer under date of August 21, 1935. When this application has received a formal date of filing and Serial Number in the Patent Office, necessary steps will be taken to comply with the requirement just mentioned and appropriate documents will be prepared for that purpose.

Charles A. Rowe,
Patents Section, Signal Corps.

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