

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER 8  
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major Akin.

1. Under date of November 15, 1933, I forwarded a memorandum, drawing, and draft specifications covering a cipher device on which I desired a patent application be drawn. The papers are attached hereto.

2. This device presents excellent possibilities for a commercial device for banking purposes in connection with authentication of money transfers by cable. An opportunity has recently presented itself for disposing of my commercial rights to this invention, the government retaining license and shop rights as usual.

3. It is requested that permission be granted to enter into negotiations with a prospective purchaser of these commercial rights.

William F. Friedman.

Attached:  
File on case.

IN REPLY  
REFER TOWAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
WCO/sab  
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr Rowe, Patent Section, Room 1713

- 1 There is attached memorandum w/specifications, claims, and drawing, from Mr William F Friedman, an employee of the Signal Corps
- 2 It is requested that the necessary steps be taken to secure a patent on this invention as it is believed to come under AR-850-50

Attached  
Memo 11-15-33 w/incls  
WALTER C ELLIS,  
Capt, Signal Corps



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War Plans & Training Division April 20, 1935 To Research and  
Development Division

Approval recommended provided it is understood that should the  
letters patent be granted the government will be able to obtain any and  
all machines desired without the payment of royalty

H B Akin  
Major Signal Corps

Incl

1 Incl added - Memo  
from Mr Friedman to  
Major Akin, 4/19/35

Plans and Training Division