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Dear Sir:

By direction of The Judge Advocate General, receipt is acknowledged of your letter to the Secretary of War dated 5 June 1947, tendering to the Government of the United States for its use, under the provisions of the act of October 6, 1917, as amended (35 U.S.C. 42), the invention described and claimed in your application for patent, Serial No. 682,096, filed 25 July 1933, for Cryptographic System, which application and the invention covered thereby were placed in secrecy by the Commissioner of Patents on 14 May 1947. It is noted that your letter includes a power to inspect and make copies of the application.

The records of this office show that the above-mentioned application and the invention covered thereby are assigned to the United States Government and were filed under the act of March 3, 1883, as amended (35 U.S.C. 45). However, the present tender will be made of record for the protection of whatever interest you may have in this invention.

Very truly yours,

George W. Gardner

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