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CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to the official letter of November 1,
1938 amendment is made as follows:

Add the claim:

35. The apparatus in a cryptographic machine for enciphering and deciphering messages comprising a series of tape wheels for writing on a tape and an alphabet keyboard whereby wheels operate to encipher and for decipher messages so a plain language comes out scrambled and when the scrambled message is repeated back into the machine it comes out unscrambled.

REMARKS

This application is being prosecuted under the three-year rule, hence this response is seasonable.

There are two grounds of rejection, the first of which is undue multiplicity. The examiner has admitted that all of the apparatus claims heretofore submitted are patentable and allowable. There are twenty-nine apparatus claims and only nine method claims. Certainly nine method claims are permissible when there are twenty-eight allowable apparatus

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claims. It goes without saying that method and apparatus claims are in different statutory classes and one does not affect the other.

Hence, it is simply necessary to review the method claims. In this connection, the examiner is requested to reconsider his rejection in the light of the following decision: Ex parte Barrett and Udell 26 USPQ 150.

New claim 35 is submitted for the same reasons as the allowed claims.

Respectfully

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