

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
WASHINGTON

January 2, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Executive Officer.

1. Reference is made to the attached papers covering Mr. Friedman's patent application.

2. Apparently the only way in which we could maintain secrecy for a longer period is to have the patent rights transferred to the Government. This would not provide secrecy for an indefinite period, but for only three years. It seems to me that this case merely serves to bring out the defects in the present law and the necessity for the amendment thereof. The law should be so worded that patent rights on an invention of this nature could be obtained and secrecy preserved for an indefinite period. It is therefore proposed that either

a. Legislation be obtained at this session of Congress to provide for patent rights and indefinite secrecy

or

b. That Mr. Friedman be allowed to file his claim as an individual under the present law.

(signed) S. B. Akin,  
Major, Signal Corps.

Gen. Carr - I recommend that Mr. F. be allowed to file his claim. VD

To W.P. & T. Div.

C.Sig.O. approves Mr. Friedman's request for permission to file his claim under the patent laws.

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