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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1933.

Memorandum For Messrs. William F. Friedman, and George A. Graham,
Office Of The Chief Signal Officer,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Patent Application Serial No. 588,344, Filed January 23, 1932,
Cryptographic System.

1. For reasons heretofore explained, it is desired to suspend official action in connection with the above entitled application for the purpose of deferring the allowance and issuance of a patent. In other words, publication of the subject matter by the grant of a patent is to be postponed for an indeterminate period.

2.. In cases of this character where deferment of the issuance of a patent is desired, it becomes necessary to invoke what is known as the three year rule. A full compliance with this rule requires a formal transfer of title in favor of the Government, that is to say, a full assignment and transfer of ownership. As this case now stands, the record title or ownership is vested in the applicants, subject to an irrevocable non-exclusive license in favor of the Government. In order to obviate the execution at this time of an outright assignment, which would divest Messrs. Friedman and Graham of their ownership in this invention, application and patent to be granted thereon, the present procedure of requesting a suspension of action has been adopted. This procedure is being followed pursuant to a recent conference with the Commissioner of Patents and the law officers of the Patent Office, at which time it was officially suggested that a formal request for suspension be filed and ratified by a paper in which the applicants herein would give their consent to such suspension.

3. It is understood that this procedure will not in anywise disturb the title or ownership now vested in the applicants. Accordingly, you are requested to please sign the consent paper herewith submitted and return to this office at the earliest possible date. The filing of said paper accompanied by a formal request for suspension is required on or before the 24th of the present month. Your prompt cooperation is therefore requested.

By order of the Chief Signal Officer.

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