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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1932.

MEMORANDUM To Mr. William F. Friedman, Cryptanalyst,
Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C.
and Mr. George A. Graham, Electrical Engineer,
Signal Corps Laboratories, Fort Monmouth,
Oceanport, N.J.
(Through Channels)

SUBJECT: Patent Application, Serial No. 588,344,
Cryptographic System.

1. This will report the first official action of the Patent Office in the above entitled patent application, the official letter bearing date of April 9, 1932. A formal response to such action must be filed in the Patent Office not later than October 9, 1932. The official letter indicates that thirty-three claims are judged allowable.

2. Attached will be found a complete file comprising copy of the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed, including a copy of the official letter, above mentioned, and printed copies of the patents cited against certain of the claims. This file of papers including the printed copies of patents should be returned in due course with your comments and suggestions.

3. Reference is made to the question of secrecy discussed at a recent personal conference in connection with the present case. It is understood that this question will be taken under advisement and that the policy decided upon will be communicated to the Patents Section at a later date. It is further understood that the prosecution of the case before the Patent Office will be handled in accordance with the decision reached on the question of secrecy. It should be noted in this connection that during the entire time that this application is undergoing prosecution before the United States Patent Office, the entire case and subject matter will remain secret, which is in accordance with the established practice in all cases.



Charles A. Rowe,
Patents Section, Signal Corps.

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