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My dear Friedman -

As attached, I turned over to you everything I have on the subject, except a draft which is also undated. While we may have difficulty in proving a date of disclosure, still I can set this date as July 12, 1926 or within several months prior to that date by reason of the following circumstances. We conceived the rotating disc idea and started to make up a patent drawing. This drawing is your Fig. 1 attached, made by a draftsman Thomas Rhodes, Hyattsville, Md. While working on this I conceived the idea for the automatic arrangement, photo stat copy attached, ES-113 which we made the basis of another patent. This sketch ES-113 is dated July 12, 1926. The draftsman who made it is prepared to testify that Rhodes and I were working on the other drawing Fig 1 about the same time or slightly prior thereto and iden-

This is the lettering of Fig 1 as being characteristic of Rhodes' lettering. This latter draftsman's name is Herbert Slath, and he is still employed by these Laboratories. Mr. Rhodes resigned upon moving from Washington. I submit a statement from Mr. Slath on the approximate date of his being conscious to the actual preparation of the attached Fig 1 as made by the draftsman Rhodes.

It is hoped that this information may be sufficient to establish the date of conception.

Very truly yours

George W. Graham  
Electrical Engineer,  
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P.S. - you may be able to get a statement from Rhodes, if he still lives in Hyattsville.

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To whom it may concern.

I, Delbert Dath, am prepared to testify that the original drawing of a cypher device, as shown by the attached photostat copy Fig. 1 was drawn by Thomas Rhodes about July 12-1926 under the direction of George G. Graham.

Respectfully

Delbert Dath  
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