

Patent Office Security Orders

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 (for Mr. Lawrence Glassman)

Director of Intelligence

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1. Reference is made to the following:

a. Transmittal sheet, dated 31 August 1945, subject as above, from the Director, Legal Division, to Intelligence Branch, Attention: Major Ruppel, a copy of which was forwarded to the Signal Security Agency, requesting lists of projects and fields of special significance to Signal Corps components.

b. Letter, dated 10 September 1945, subject as above, from the Chief, Army Communications Service (Signal Security Branch), to the Director, Legal Division.

c. Letter, dated 12 September 1945, subject as above, from the Legal Division, Office of the Chief Signal Officer to Signal Security Agency.

2. References b and c defined and clarified the fields of special interest of the Signal Security Agency, now Army Security Agency, the understanding being that applications for patent covering inventions in such fields would be submitted by the Commissioner of Patents to the Joint Army-Navy Patent Advisory Board, and that the Army Security Agency would thereupon have an opportunity to examine the same in the interest of national security.

3. While it is realized that activity in cryptologic development has decreased since the cessation of hostilities, it is singular that only a few minor cases have been submitted to the Army Security Agency through the Joint Army-Navy Patent Advisory Board for more than a year. It is, therefore, requested that an inquiry be made, and that the Army Security Agency be advised whether the policy indicated in reference 1a above is still current.

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