Patent Office Security Orders

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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 Rupple, 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 1
   above is still current.

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