MEMO ROUTING SLIP

**1 NAME OR TITLE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INITIALS</th>
<th>CIRCULATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION</td>
<td>DATE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| 2 | FILE | INFORMATION |
| 3 | NECESSARY ACTION | NOTE AND RETURN |
| 4 | SEE ME | SIGNATURE |

**REMARKS**

Mr. Friedman -

This is all that came up from the Legal Divisions. I had expected something more.

Hope this may be of some use to you.

Signature:

[Handwritten Note]

FROM NAME OR TITLE: "\[Handwritten Note\]

DATE: 1967

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION: B-0032

TELEPHONE: 227

Approved for Release by NSA on 11-04-2014 pursuant to E.O. 13526
Extract from the following disposition form:

SIGLG-1

Termination of Wartime Statutes, Proclamations and Executive Orders

Chief, Legislative and Liaison Division, SS, USA

Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Attn: Col. Thomas N. Tappy

11 Dec 47
Kintisch/71453

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

2. a. With reference to Items 476, 477 and 478 of Senate Document No. 42, it is recommended that steps be taken to further amend the Secrecy Act of 1 July 1940, to make it permanent legislation.

b. At present the Secrecy Act provides that it will remain in force only during the time when the United States is at war. It is the opinion of the Chief Signal Officer that the interest of the United States requires equally during peace as in war that whenever the publication or disclosure of an invention by the granting of a patent by the United States or by the filing of an application in a foreign country in respect to an invention made in the United States, might be detrimental to the public safety or defense, the invention should be kept secret. The intensive research and development program in which the United States is now and will be increasingly engaged for years to come, would go for naught if the fruits of that effort could be made public property with impunity merely because the United States may not be engaged in active hostilities at the time. The criterion should be whether a disclosure might affect national defense and not whether the nation is at war. The cost of keeping such inventions secret would be small compared to the benefits to be derived from withholding such information from unfriendly governments.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

FOR THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER:

(signed)

LOUIS M. HITCHCOCK, Maj., Sig C
Executive
16 April 1948

Mr. Kintisch checked up on status of following bills, all of which have bearing on converting Public Law 700 (Secrecy Order Statute) into permanent rather than wartime legislation and found that these bills had not progressed beyond stage of being introduced and referred to committee:

HR 4420
S 1726   all of 80th Congress
HR 5740

Lawrence Glavemen
Patent Counsel
Legal Div., O.C.Sig0