WAR PLANS AND TRAINING DIVISION

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TO: __________________________
Lt. Coarderman Lt. Miller Mr. Friedman Mr. Pavlott Mr. Sinkov Mr. Kaliback Mr. Kurt Miss Cloyce Mrs. Aelson Miss Jesson Mrs. Jobe Mr. Clark

FOR: __________________________
Recommendation
Concurrence or recommendation

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Major William F. Friedman,
Office of the Chief Signal Officer,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Friedman:

We have just completed a careful search around here for the old printer telegraph cipher machines referred to in your letter of May 7, 1935 and am sorry to advise you that we cannot locate any of this equipment. Upon further investigation we learned that the set I mentioned in my telephone conversation with you was junked several months ago. This may have been the equipment referred to in your letter but we are at a loss to know how the information on it reached you. However, I suppose a layman should not expect to understand the working of the Army intelligence service.

I am sorry we did not know of your desire to have this equipment at the time it was junked. However, we believe we can assemble a new set in accordance with the original specifications if you feel that this would be worth while and I shall be glad to go into this question in more detail if you are interested.

Yours very truly

Laurens E. Whittemore
Special Radio Representative.
May 7, 1935

Mr. Laurens L. Whittemore,
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
195 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Laurens:

I understand that the A.T. & T. Co. are disposing of a number of those very old printing telegraph cipher machines which were developed in 1918, 1919 or thereabouts, and that there is a possibility we might be able to get one for purposes of adding to our historical collection of cipher gadgets. Would you be good enough to see what you can find out and drop me a line quite informally telling me what the situation is? If there is a possibility, please indicate what form of request should be made, what the cost would be, etc., and I will attend to the rest of the details.

I missed you down here last week during the hearings on the international service. You would have been interested perhaps in the detailed discussions on code language. I thought that Madame Cortina was dead but she was resurrected at Madrid once and buried and now I think there will be a second resurrection at Cairo.

With very best regards to Mrs. Whittemore and yourself,

I am

Very sincerely yours,