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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1942, requesting the transfer of a qualified cryptographer to your department.

Since the importance of communications security cannot be over emphasized at this time, I seriously doubt whether the addition of a single cryptographer to your staff would accomplish any worthwhile reorganization of the Cryptographic Section of the Division of Communications and Records.

I would like to suggest as an alternative, an arrangement whereby the facilities of the cryptographic service of this department may become available to assist you. In short, I should like to make available to you on a part time basis, the services of a highly qualified commissioned officer of the Signal Security Division, who would supervise the reorganization of your Section, instruct your personnel, assist in the preparation of improved cryptographic systems and procedures for handling same.

In this work, the officer so designated would have at his disposal the services of the entire technical installation of the Signal Security Division of this Department, and I feel confident that the results of this form of collaboration will be much more satisfactory to you than the work of a single individual.

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Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War.



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