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January 11, 1932

The Honorable  
The Secretary of War.

Sir:

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In the letter of your Department of November 9, 1931, in response to a request from this Department, dated October 29, 1931, you were good enough to make available to the Department of State the expert advice of Mr. W. F. Friedman, Cryptanalyst in the Office of the Chief of the Signal Corps, in connection with investigating the secrecy element of a cipher writing machine developed by the International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Pursuant to your authorization Mr. Friedman made a very thorough investigation and wrote an enlightening report on this phase of the machine, and I desire to express through you, on behalf of the officials of this Department, their wholehearted appreciation for the cooperation of the Chief Signal Officer in this connection, and especially the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Friedman.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) W. N. Castle  
Under Secretary.

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War Dept., Office of the Secretary, Jan. 12, 1932. - To the Chief Signal Officer.

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