

Trip Report: Visit to George C. Marshall Research Library,
Lexington, Va. 22-24 July 1974

In January 1971, Alfred Hesse and Vincent Wilson visited the Marshall Library to make a preliminary survey of the contents of the Friedman Collection and to examine the area in which the Collection was stored. At that time all the material was stored in a vault with all the protections required for material classified SECRET. Since then, the material has been catalogued and moved to a different location - a room especially prepared to house the Collection. The present visit was made to examine the new home of the Collection, to survey the collection for classified material, to review any such classified material, and to provide any possible assistance or information about W.F. Friedman and the Collection to the Library staff.

Under the present ~~permanent~~ arrangement, all unclassified material is located in a special room devoted solely to the Friedman Collection; all ~~classified~~ classified material remains in the

vault. Mr. Callimahos reviewed the classified publications and documents and found nothing that was underclassified - except for the Military Cryptanalysis texts, Parts I-IV, which retained their original RESTRICTED marking. However, some of the War Department publications of the 1930s may now be overclassified, or misclassified.

In the parts of the Collection not in the vault, a number of files and collections of loose papers were reviewed and searched for classified documents, but none was found.

Both the Associate Director (Mr. Lyle) and the Archivist (Mr. Crawford) were interested in Mr. Wilson's proposal to consider producing video cassettes on the life and works of William Friedman. (Work on a video cassette on the Comint story of the Battle of Midway is now in progress, as part of the Agency's Cryptologic History Program.) Mr. Crawford assisted Mr. Wilson in reviewing all photographs of Mr. Friedman in the Collection - and many of these photographs could be used in a documentary prepared in a television studio. The Collection has no moving-picture film of Mr. Friedman.

Mr. Callimahos reviewed the Riverbank publications in the Collection, assisting the Library staff in evaluating

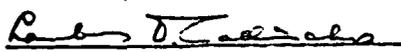
these early writings of Mr. Friedman. Mr. Callimahos also provided technical information about a number of publications, manuscripts and other materials in the collection.

Proposed Actions:

1. That the Agency Classification Officer formally review the War Department publications known as the "Black Books" for accurate classification. (Mr. Callimahos)
2. That Agency publications carry notices of the Riverbank publications the Library is offering for sale. (Mr. Wilson)
3. That the possibility of producing video cassettes on the life and works of Mr. Friedman be pursued, as part of the cryptologic history program. (Mr. Wilson)

NOTE: The Museum section of the Marshall Library has a formal display of several primitive cryptographic machines (such as a cylindrical device) and other articles from the Friedman Collection.

The staff of the Library is anxious to present any relevant material available on the subject of cryptology, and they welcome any assistance or suggestions.


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