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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: T54SUBJECT: Review of "Analysis of a Mechanico-Electrical Cryptograph,"  
Parts I and II, by William F. Friedman

TO: Q43 (Mr. Levin)

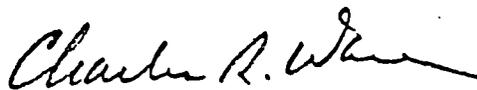
1. There exists some confusion and/or misunderstanding regarding the proper current classification of the subject documents.

2. In November 1981, at the time of a visit to the Friedman Collection at the Marshall Library, Lexington, Virginia, a team composed of representatives of this organization and Q43, declassified both Parts of the Friedman documents concerned. This was done on the basis of the latest evaluation we had from Pl. This information was not documented in writing.

3. In March 1983, upon the occasion of a visit to the Marshall Library by Messrs. Fisher and Levin, Part I of the monograph was reclassified CONFIDENTIAL. This was done on the basis of information from Pl to the effect that Part I should not have been declassified. This, too, is not documented in writing, but it is understood that this decision was made and relayed to T54 verbally at the time that Mr. Deavours requested and received the ten message samples from Part II. We were not told that Part II should be reclassified.

4. Recently, Pl reviewed both parts of the monograph as a result of the study made of the Deavours/Kruh book. Because of the fact that one chapter in the book concerned the Hebern machine, T54 asked Pl to look for any comparisons or identical information. Pl's reply was to the effect that both parts should be classified CONFIDENTIAL.

5. In view of the fact that a return to the Friedman Collection and the Marshall Library may be imminent, it is suggested that we should determine whether it is necessary to either reclassify Part II, or again declassify Part I. Either action, we believe, should be a considered one because of the publicity given to the March visit.

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