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Mr. Mike Levin
Chief, Information Security Division
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Dear Mike:

This has been an active week. I am therefore slower than I should have been to write you this note.

First, I think your visit was eminently successful, and I regret that my class commitment did not permit me to say this in person before your departure.

Second, the request for information as formulated and checked with [redacted] has been approved by Mr. Pasco and we are working on it.

Third, as we are getting a number of newspaper inquiries, I thought you would be interested in our talking paper as to what we are saying.

And finally, a word of appreciation and enjoyment with respect to the Edelweiss.

Sincerely yours,

PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

Fred

Fred L. Hadsel
Director

Enclosure: Statement

cc: [redacted]

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STATEMENT ON FRIEDMAN COLLECTION

The Marshall Foundation has been informed that a suit had been entered against NSA which involves papers in the Friedman Collection in the archives of the Marshall Library. (These papers originally belonged to the noted cryptographer, William Friedman, and have been on deposit in the Library for approximately 15 years.)

In view of the fact that the Foundation does not know the details of the case, and the matter is apparently sub judice, it feels that it should not comment on the case.

The Friedman collection consists of approximately 3,000 publications, 30,000 papers, cryptologic devices, and a number of personal artifacts. Well over 99% of the collection is available to researchers on an unrestricted basis. Less than 1/2% (29 publications and 55 pages of correspondence) have been given government classification of Confidential or Secret. These documents are therefore not available to general researchers. There are no other documents withheld from the public.