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Memorandum To Officer In Charge, Research and Development Division, Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

Subject: Patent Application, Ser. No. 70,412, Filed March 23, 1936, Improvement in Cryptographs
William F. Friedman and Frank B. Rowlett

- 1. Reference is made to memorandum dated 10-15-35 directing the Patents Section to take the necessary action to invoke the "Three Year Rule" under provisions of Section 4894, R. S., in connection with the patent application, above identified, acting in accordance with procedure initiated by order of the Chief Signal Officer on or about August 21, 1935.
- 2. In order to comply with the requirements in these matters, it was first necessary to prepare the patent application comprising specification, elaims and drawings in complete form, then secure the filing of said application in the Patent Office; (2) then prepare an appropriate assignment vesting title in the United States as provided by Section 4894.
- 3. Having secured the formal filing of the patent application, above identified, the necessary formal assignment of title in favor of the United States as represented by the Secretary of War has been prepared, which assignment identifies the patent application by its Serial Number and filing date and title of invention, and said assignment is now submitted herewith for transmittal through channels for execution by Messrs. Friedman and Rowlett.
- h. As soon as the assignment has been executed by Messrs. Friedman and Rowlett and notarially acknowledged, said assignment should be returned to the Patents Section for further necessary action.

/s/ Charles A. Rowe

CHARLES A. ROWE, Patents Section, Signal Corps

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