

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Rowe, Patent Section.

1. I have read over your action responsive to Patent Office action dated October 9 and think you have covered the case admirably. I have noted three corrections, two of which are of minor nature, Page 2 and Page 7.

2. On Page 3 the correction I have inserted is intended to make specific application to cryptographs employing rotatable circuit changers as the basis for cryptographic action, because in Morehouse and also in Vernam external key tapes are used but according to a wholly different cryptographic principle. The way in which Claims 6 to 10 read in this regard is certainly sufficiently limited in application so that the examiner ought not to feel that we are trying to claim Morehouse and Vernam.

3. You sent me a copy of the patent application and the drawings, but I do not have a copy of the first action for my files. I would like to have the latter as well as a copy of your response as amended by my suggested corrections.

William F. Friedman.

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