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Memorandum For Mr. William F. Friedman,
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Subject: Patent Application, Serial No. 107,244 - Cryptographs
Improvement on Patent Application, Ser. No. 682,096

1. This will report the first official action of the Patent Office Examiner in the above case. A copy of the official letter dated March 6, 1937, is transmitted herewith accompanied by printed copies of the four U.S. patents cited as references.

2. In one of the patents to Damm cited by the Examiner, there is an obvious error in referring to the year 1927, since the patent in question is a 1922 patent. In the 1925 patent the elements mentioned by the Examiner will be found in Figs. 2 and 3, while in the 1922 patent the elements he mentions will be found in Fig. 4.

3. The usual period of six months from the date of the official action is available in which to present a formal response. Thus the time for replying in this instance will expire September 6, next. Meanwhile, this Section will be glad to have the benefit of your comments and suggestions to assist in the preparation of an appropriate amendment and argument in good season.



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