

9 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Friedman

SUBJECT: Processing of Inventions Originating at Signal Security Agency.

1. In accordance with Change 1, Operations Instructions No. 8, 15 April 1944, inventions originating within the Signal Security Agency are handled in the following manner:

a. When an invention has no cryptographic applications, a description thereof, accompanied by sketches if possible, is forwarded to the Legal Division, which prepares the application for filing.

b. When inventions involve cryptographic features, applications for patents, complete with finished drawings, are prepared in F Branch, and subsequent treatment depends upon the classification of the subject matter.

2. With reference particularly to your invention in Authenticating Devices, normal procedure would involve the furnishing by you of the data called for by the attached form, completion in F Branch of the specification and drawings (already in course of preparation), forwarding to the Legal Division for preparation of license and assignment forms, return to the Signal Security Agency for execution, and filing. The assignment would be for the duration of the war, and, shortly thereafter, title would revert to you, leaving the Government with an irrevocable non-exclusive license. You would thus be in a position to exploit the invention commercially as desired. The correspondence with the Legal Division could be carried on over Colonel Corderman's signature.

3. For your further information the Signal Corps Patents Board no longer exists. All of its functions are now performed by the Legal Division of the OCSigO.

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