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Dear Mr. Friedman,

The Chief Signal Officer has forwarded, under date of 17 June 1958, your letter of 17 December 1957 in which you request clearance for private publication of certain Signal Corps material. In his letter of transmittal the Chief Signal Officer stated that, in his opinion, the question of classification of the documents in question was a matter coming under the cognizance of this Agency.

Department of Defense Directive 5200.1, dated 8 July 1957, (II A of Part 6, Encl 1.) states:

"All material directly related to cryptographic systems which was previously classified RESTRICTED Security Information is upgraded to CONFIDENTIAL . . ."

In view of the above it will not be possible to grant authorization for private publication of the material, in whole or in part, which you submitted.

The documents concerned have been regraded CONFIDENTIAL and are being retained pending your return to Washington, D.C. Any similar material in your possession will be upgraded accordingly.

Sincerely,

GARRISON B. COVERDALE
Major General, US Army
Chief of Staff

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M/R: Mr. Friedman, in letter to CSO/DA, requested authority to utilize material from certain Signal Corps publications (most of which were originally classified Confidential but later downgraded to Restricted) in a privately printed book. DOD 5200.1 reclassified all material directly related to crypto systems to Confidential. CSO in forwarding the request to NSA stated that DIRNSA appears to have primary cognizance in the matter. This letter disapproves the request. Coordinated with Dr. Shaw, PROD.

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