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MEMORANDUM FOR: Research & Development Division
(THRU: War Plans & Training Division)

1. Accompanying this memorandum is a description of an invention of a system and means for automatic sorting of documents, with two sketches.

2. This invention was conceived on June 1, 1936, in response to an urgent need therefor, pointed out to me by a friend in the banking business. However, in view of the fact that the invention has little, if any, bearing upon cryptographic matters, practically all the work involved in the preparation of the description and the drawings was done outside of office hours, and has just been completed.

3. It is possible that the invention would, if practically developed, be of considerable usage in various government offices, particularly the Treasury Department.

4. It is requested that the papers be processed through the Signal Corps Patent Board as soon as practicable, for the usual action and decisions.

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