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No action until and unless JAG responds. 14 know of this. 31 Aug 51

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JAGP FROM:

Judge Advocate General, Dept of Army.

TO:

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SUBJ:

Proposed Bill for the Relief of Mr William F Friedman and Potential Claim - Cryptographic Inventions

ENCL:

Cp of ltr dtd 9 Aug 51 Army JAG (Ch of P.A. Div. to Messrs. Fisher, Willis & Sanger Law Firm.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

29 AUG 1951

JAGP

SUBJECT: Proposed Bill for the Relief of Mr. William F. Friedman and  
Potential Claim - Cryptographic Inventions

TO: Director, Armed Forces Security Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. This office received the communication of 23 July 1951 from your office subject as above, recommending that a reply in this matter be made to Mr. Friedman's attorneys, Messrs. Fischer, Willis and Panzer, substantially as outlined in paragraph 4 of letter to your office from this office dated 5 July 1951. In view of the foregoing, this office communicated with Mr. Friedman's attorneys, by letter dated 9 August 1951, copy of which is enclosed, for your information and guidance. It will be noted that in this letter the attorneys were informed that it is the policy of the Department of Defense not to express its views to private individuals with regard to the proposed introduction of legislation, or with respect to the desirability or undesirability of passage of proposed legislation, except upon call from a committee of the Congress.

2. Careful reconsideration has been given this matter since addressing the above mentioned communication of 9 August 1951 to Mr. Friedman's attorneys. As a result, it has been concluded insofar as this office is concerned that, inasmuch as a bill for Mr. Friedman's relief may never be presented to the Congress and hence there would be no need in this connection for the results of the extended investigation requested in the letter of 5 July 1951 from this office, completion of this investigation is unnecessary unless and until a bill is actually presented to the Congress.

3. Your office will be informed promptly if and when this office receives information that any bill on Mr. Friedman's behalf has been presented, or should there be any other important development in this matter.

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

WILLARD J. HODGES, JR.  
Lieutenant Colonel, JAGC  
Chief, Patents Division

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9 Aug 1951

Messrs Fischer, Willis and Panzer  
Dupont Circle Building  
Washington 6, D C.

**ATTENTION** Mr Henry G. Fischer

re Proposed Bill for the Relief of  
Mr William F Friedman

Gentlemen-

Reference is made to your previous correspondence with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Department of the Army and to the conferences with certain representatives of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, The Army Security Agency and this office relative to the proposed bill for the relief of your client, Mr William F Friedman, Chief, Technical Division, Armed Forces Security Agency, relating to his inventions in the field of cryptography. The proposed bill is set forth on page 9 of your letter of 21 August 1950 to Major James R Mills, formerly Chief of this Division

As you were informed by letter of 6 April 1950, this office was designated on behalf of the Department of Defense as the agency to which full presentation of this matter should be made, together with the authority to ascertain and inform you of the attitude of the Department of Defense relative to this matter

The proposed bill provides for compensation to Mr Friedman in connection with certain of his patented and unpatented inventions in the field of cryptography, which have been or still are being held in secrecy for military security reasons. As to all of the inventions involved, the United States has at least a royalty-free non-exclusive license. It is stated that Mr Friedman's request for compensation as covered by the proposed bill is predicated upon the alleged damage suffered by Mr Friedman with respect to such rights as he may still have in the inventions in question, as a result of the placement of the inventions under secrecy restrictions

With respect to your request that you be informed on Mr Friedman's behalf as to whether the Department of Defense has any objection to the introduction of the proposed bill to the Congress for

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Messrs. Fischer, Willis and Panzer

consideration on its merits and also whether the Department is favorably disposed towards the passage of such a bill, it is desired to inform you that it is the policy of the Department of Defense not to express its views to private individuals with regard to the proposed introduction of legislation, or with respect to the desirability or undesirability of passage of proposed legislation except upon call from a committee of the Congress

Should a private relief bill of the character stated be presented to the Congress, any report made by the Department of Defense in connection with the bill will be based upon a full and complete consideration of the facts and circumstances of this matter as presented during the conferences, above referred to, and in the records available to the Department of Defense

Sincerely yours,

/s/Willard J Hodges, Jr.  
WILLARD J HODGES, JR  
Lieutenant Colonel, JAGC  
Chief, Patents Division

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