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Subject: Patent Application, Ser. No. 36,868  
Electrical Switching Mechanism

To: Mr. William F. Friedman and  
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Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

1. Reference is made to phone conversation of this date wherein Mr. Friedman confirmed the request previously made that this case be amended for allowance.

2. Pursuant to a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of the case, in which he agreed to allow claim 12, subject to slight amendment, this is to report that an amendment has been prepared in accordance with the understanding to put this case in condition for allowance. Copy in duplicate of the amendment is enclosed for your files and it will be noted that the amendment is dated and filed in the Patent Office as of today's date. It is expected that the application will go to issue in regular course and further developments will be reported as the circumstances may require.



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Hon. Commissioner of Patents,

Sir:

The Official communication of March 21, 1939 is hereby acknowledged.

Reference is made to an interview with the Examiner in charge of this case under date of April 11, 1939, the courtesy of which is hereby acknowledged.

The claims remaining in the case are seventeen in number, as stated in the second paragraph of the Official Letter. It is noted that claims 6 through 11, 14, 16 and 17 ( nine in number ) are indicated as allowable.

With the exception of claim 12, discussed at the interview, claims 13, and claims 18 to 23 inclusive are withdrawn without prejudice in order to expedite the allowance of this case.

With special reference to claim 12, lines 5 and 6, cancel " to effect random permutations of the circuit connections " . The comma is retained and should now be placed after "devices " in line 5. This is precisely as agreed upon at the interview and favorable reconsideration of claim 12 as amended is courteously requested.

In the readjustment of the ordinals of the allowed claims, it is requested that the ordinals of claims 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, etc., be numbered in sequence as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc. It will be noted that present claims 8 and 9 are dependent on present claim 7. Therefore, in the readjustment of the ordinals for printing, it will be noted that present claim 7 will become claim 2 and in line 1 of present claim 8, "7" should be changed to - - 2 - - and similarly in line 1 of present claim 9, "7" should be changed to - - 2 - - . It is understood that the remaining allowed claims not actually mentioned will have their ordinals adjusted in sequence.

This application should now be found in condition for issue and such action is solicited in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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