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SIGNAL CORPS PATENT BOARD

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MEETING NO. 20

1. The Board met at 10:30 A.M., March 10, 1938, in the office of the Executive Officer, OCSigO. All members present except Major Browning on leave.

2. The Board examined the following inventions submitted and makes the recommendations indicated with respect to each.

a. A simple cipher device submitted by Mr. William F. Friedman, employed in the Signal Intelligence Section of the War Plans and Training Division, OCSigO, with his memorandum of May 17, 1937. The Board finds that the invention has insufficient military value to warrant obtaining a patent at Government expense. The Board recommends that Mr. Friedman be permitted to obtain patents at his own expense if he so desires. Although no reason is now foreseen for assignment on the part of the inventor of a nonexclusive license to the Government under such patent, it should be understood that this action can be required on the part of the inventor at any future time it may appear desirable.

b. A device for laying field wire or cable in a trench submitted through the Adjutant General by Private Stuart A. Ravenbyrne, Hq. Btry. 6th F.A. Brigade, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. The Board finds that:

- (1) The invention has possible military value.
- (2) The invention need not be kept secret.
- (3) That the inventor desires to obtain a patent under the provisions of Par. 5, A.R. 850-50.
- (4) The alleged invention is duplicated in principle by equipment already available on the commercial market and the difference in details does not constitute sufficient ground for patent application.

The Board recommends that the inventor be informed through the Adjutant General to this effect.

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APPROVED MARCH 11th 1938:

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