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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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June 22, 1942

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am turning to you for assistance in connection with a very real problem which confronts the Department at the present moment. As you are aware, the communication services of the Department of State are utilized not only by the War and Navy Departments, but by practically every other agency of the Government whose work is directly or indirectly concerned with the war effort.

Because of the exigencies of the present situation it has become necessary to reorganize the Cryptographic Section of the Division of Communications and Records of the Department. It is essential that this Section should be headed up by a person who has a thorough knowledge of cryptography and who has had actual experience in the construction of codes and ciphers and the devising of new systems of communication and accounting for cryptographic material. There is
no one

The Honorable

Henry L. Stimson,

Secretary of War.

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no one in the Department of State who possesses the necessary qualifications for this position, which has been classified in P-4, \$3,800, and the only possible source within my knowledge from which a competent person might be obtained to fill the position is the Office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army of the United States. I should be exceedingly grateful if you could make it possible for the Department to obtain by transfer from the War Department the services of a person possessing the qualifications outlined above.

I should like to thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) CORDELL HULL