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TO : DIR TNG *SP*
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DATE: 2 Nov 60

FROM : AD/TNG (A)

SUBJECT: Friedman Contract

REFERENCE: Mr. Friedman's proposal of 25 Oct 60 to amend his contract to change the coverage to extend through the entry of the United States into World War I, concluding with treatment of the Zimmerman Telegram.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. That DIR TNG's position be that the adjustment of the contract not be approved.

b. That D/DIRNSA be asked in personal discussion to approve this position.

2. Recommendations discussed and jointly made by Mr. Arthur Freedman with me.

3. DISCUSSION


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a/s

FRIEDMAN CONTRACT

- A. Contract specifies that Mr. Friedman prepare six lectures and ancillary materials, such as lantern slides and voice recordings, to cover:
1. Basic terminology and account of Cryptology in the earliest days of the invention and development of secret writing.
 2. Cryptology in the 13th and 16th Centuries.
 3. Cryptology during the American Revolution and up to the Civil War.
 4. The Civil War.
 5. From the Civil War to the end of World War I.
 6. End of World War I to end of World War II.
- B. In short, what Mr. Friedman proposes is to change the content of Lectures 5 and 6.
- C. Lectures were originally to have been unclassified. By SERV discussion of 30 Oct 1958 the lectures were to be produced as CONFIDENTIAL but could be subsequently used in NSA as unclassified. So far as Mr. Friedman is concerned the lectures are CONFIDENTIAL.
- D. Status of Contract:
1. Cost of contract was to be \$10,000 to be paid in \$1,000 increments upon receipt of bi-monthly progress reports from the contractor.
 2. We have received 3 lectures plus ancillary materials.
 3. Paid - \$4,000
 4. Mr. Friedman has substantially completed Lecture 4.
- E. As an aside to the proposal to amend the present contract, Mr. Friedman mentioned the possibility of a second contract to cover those periods of cryptologic history deleted from the original contract.
- F. CONCLUSIONS
1. It is recommended that Mr. Friedman's proposal to amend the present contract be rejected for the following reasons:

- a. The materials to have been prepared under the terms of the contract would have provided a complete survey of cryptologic history through World War II. Mr. Friedman's proposal would result in the detailed treatment of early periods and no coverage of later years.
- b. It is not considered necessary for NSA to enter into a second contract with Mr. Friedman for the preparation of additional lectures to accomplish what was intended in the original contract.
- c. Our need for a complete survey of cryptologic history has not changed. The lecture series would seem to end abruptly and prematurely if our present contract is amended as proposed.