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National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Chief, United States Army Security Agency, Arlington Hall Station,
Arlington 12, Virginia

1. The National Security Agency has studied the six brochures forwarded with the inclosure to the basic letter. It is this Agency's opinion that information of this nature should be classified sufficiently to make it unavailable for uncontrolled publication.

2. All official cryptanalysis is a type of activity that should be protected constantly no matter how old it may become.

3. The publication of a book such as is contemplated by Mr. Friedman is not considered to be in the best interest of the United States from a security viewpoint.

4. This Agency cannot concur in the release of the documents concerned for private publication.

/s/ John A. Samford
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Director

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