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OCSigO-334.7-Sig.C. Patent Board.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. W. F. Friedman.

- 1. The Signal Corps Patent Board at its meeting August 28, 1936, decided to withhold final action on the following cases pending a search of patent records to determine the novelty of such inventions:
- a. An invention by Colonel J. O. Mauborgne and Mr. W. F. Friedman of a system of enciphering matter electrically transmitted by facsimile or telephoto means.
- <u>b</u>. An invention by Mr. W. F. Friedman of a system and apparatus for enciphering and deciphering telephoto transmitted messages, sketches, photographs, documents, etc.
- 2. It is requested that these inventions be treated as confidential until such time as this information may be ascertained.

/s/ Louis B. Bender Louis B. Bender, Lieut. Col., Signal Corps