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Mr. Donald A. Quarles
 President, Sandia Corporation
 Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Quarles:

I should like to express my appreciation to you and to the Sandia Corporation for making the services of Mr. Robert O. Ferner available to this Agency. The two weeks that he spent here were of great assistance to the technicians of this Agency. He was able to give an evaluation of our work on a complex problem and make concrete suggestions for future study.

It is hoped that his services can again be made available for a short period at a later date when further developments may make it desirable to consult with him again.

Sincerely,

(sgd) Ralph J. Canine

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cc: Consultant ✓ Director, ^{Major General, US Army} Armed Forces Security Agency
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Memo for the Record: Mr. Robert O. Ferner, who had been with the Agency for a long while before and during the war, was an outstanding cryptanalyst and made noteworthy contributions to our effort. For reasons of health, he had to leave this area. He is now employed by The Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It was considered that his services here on a consultant basis for a short period might suggest some new attacks that could be attempted on important problems. The Sandia Corporation was asked to make his services available to AFSA and did so. His short tour with AFSA O2 was of considerable value.

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