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TO AFSA-16
FROM AFSA-OOT
SUBJECT Report of security violation No. 154

DATE 27 August 1951

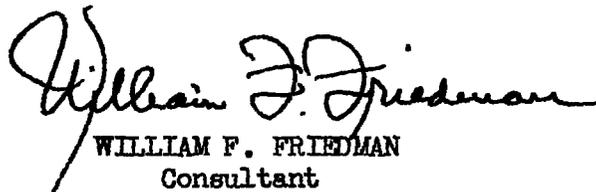
1. Receipt of report of security violation No. 154 is acknowledged.
2. Investigation of the report indicates that no violation of security regulations occurred for the following reasons:

a. The classification of the volume which was "found adrift" is RESTRICTED. It is noted that security regulations regarding the stowage of classified material in locked vaults, safes, or cabinets are not applicable to material of a RESTRICTED classification, since the CSAW Security Manual para. 605 (d) states that matter classified CONFIDENTIAL or higher shall be "stowed in locked vaults, safes, safe-combination file cabinets, or locked and barred file cabinets". By implication, material of a RESTRICTED nature is exempt from such regulations.

b. The report is in error in its statement that the manual in question is registered, inasmuch as registration of this document was cancelled by letter, Hq, Army Security Agency of 27 February 1946 with second indorsement of 11 March 1946 signed by HAROLD G. HAYES, Colonel, Signal Corps, Acting Chief, Army Security Agency. No accounting of the volume is therefore necessary.

3. It is further noted that the volume in question is an English translation of a manual of cryptography written by the Italian cryptographer, General Luigi Sacco, which can be purchased on the open market, and which has undergone three separate editions in the Italian since its publication in 1936. A French translation of the manual has recently been published (1951) by a French commercial firm, and a separate English translation of the Italian original made by Miss Helen Gaines is available in the Library of Congress.

4. No further action in this matter is recommended.


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