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- 4. AS-20 AS-71 19 May 47 1. In response to the oral request by Captain Woehlke for recommendations and comments regarding patent applications of William F. Friedman, serial numbers 478,193, 478,868, and 551,172, numbers 478,193 and 478,868 were circulated through AS-80 and AS-90.
 - 2. Certain background information with respect to the two cases and brief descriptions of the inventions thereof appear in Comment 1.
 - 3. AS-70 concurs with the conclusions of AS-80 and AS-90.
 - 4. Serial Number 551,172 was not circulated since the application had never been classified. A draft of the case was considered before filing; the views of the interested branches and individuals may be found in an R & W, 24 July 1944, subject: Authenticating Device, through Chief, C Branch, to Commanding Officer, Signal Security Agency, and six subsequent actions, the final action being an approval by the Assistant Chief, Signal Security Agency, for the filing of an unclassified patent application.
 - 5. Return of the copies of the applications is requested.

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