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SUBJECT: Request for Information (U)

TO: Asst. Director, National Security Agency 3801 Nebraska Avenue Washington 25, D.C.

1. Reference is made to the inclosed copy of letter from Mr. William F. Friedman, 17 December 1957, and inclosures.

2. Request your views on the classification of the attached articles.

3. Request return of all inclosures.

FOR THE CHIEF, US ARMY SECURITY AGENCY:

James M. Hayes

1 Incl Cy ltr fm W.F.Friedman, 17 Dec 57, w/5 incls.

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cc: C/S Reading File PROD-03 CSEC

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M/R: Mr. W. F. Friedman has asked the Army for a statement as to the classification of some of his Army writings. The six inclosed brochures were forwarded for review. Four of them treat of the historical aspects of cryptanalysis, while two concern elementary principles of cryptanalysis. All were published in brochure form prior to 1943, although many were written much earlier. This has been discussed with Mr. R. H. Shaw of PROD-03.

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M/R: Ind rewritten in AG per direction of DC/S. DIR and C/S both agree that publication of books such as contemplated will be detrimental to security. Drs Shaw PROD and Stukey CSEC concur.

Col Paul S. Willard/AG/5440/mel/13 Mar 58