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Major Rhea M. Smith, USAR
Assistant to the President
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Rhea:

I hope you will forgive me for a somewhat tardy response to
your letter of 14 November, but it took a bit of coordination to
get the data you requested.

There are being sent you herewith, for a 3-month's loan, the
documents listed on the attached receipt, which I will ask that
you sign and return to me. The loan may be renewed.

I will not undertake at this time to comment on your interest-
ing letter except to say that I think you are quite warranted in
keeping your progress on the book under wraps, that I understand
perfectly your disinclination to name the author or the title, that
I hope you are on the right track toward a complete solution, and
that if I can help you later on - in case you get mired hopelessly -
I will be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

THIS LETTER MAY BE
DOWNGRADED TO *Unclassified*
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WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Consultant

8 Incls:
  Receipt (in dupl.)
  and 7 items as listed
  on receipt.

cc: AG
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1. Mil. Crypt. Part I
2. "   "   "   II
3. "   "   "   III
4. Cryptanalyst's Manual, Cryptanalytic Data
   for French (CM 30-21)
5. Cryptanalyst's Manual, Cryptanalytic Data
   for French (CM 30-22)
6. Cryptanalyst's Manual (Section 20-30)
7. CM 80-10 - Table 1 - Freq. of letters of
   (Miscl. Lang.)

Major Smith, G-2 Reserve Officer, was during WWII employed at ASA,HQ,
and his last assignment thereat was Chief of the Historical Branch. He
is now at Rollins College and doing some research in connection with his
attempt to solve a 16th century book allegedly in cipher. Recently he

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wrote Mr. Friedman for data which might assist him in that work.
Mr. Friedman consulted with Cmdr. Pendergrass, Chief of NSA-18, who
agreed that there was no reason why Major Smith could not receive,
on temporary loan, the material being sent him herewith(all classified
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William F. Friedman/60493/24 Nov 52

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