

Patent Application #300212 on a Cryptographic
Device

- (1) R & D It is thought that patent application 300212 which was filed on October 19, 1939, covering cipher device M-138 and M-138A, has become important to the armament and defense of the United States. Notification was received from the Patent Office on June 18, 1940, that this case was ready for issue. At the time of filing it was not deemed necessary or advisable to put this case under the so-called 3-year rule to prevent its issuance but it is believed that circumstances have changed since that time and for these reasons it is recommended that the above cited application be withdrawn from issue to avoid a grant of a patent at this time.

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