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25 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRAFSA, THRU DDA-00C

SUBJECT: Private bill to be submitted to the Congress

Enclosures: (A) Copy of correspondence  
 (B) Copy of memorandum dated 21 Aug 1950 to Major  
 Mills, JAGC  
 (C) Copy of memorandum dated 15 June 1950 from  
 Mr Stauffer, AFSA-03A3, for Chief, AFSA-03

1 I think you know that I have been tryin, for some time to obtain some special compensation for certain inventions and patent applications which have properly been kept in a classified status for a long time. After a couple of years of negotiations I was officially given permission to employ counsel to assist in preparing a case with a view to obtaining such special compensation. Preliminary meetings between my counsel and the Department of Defense have resulted in a request by the Army Judge Advocate General's representative, Major Mills, Chief of the Patents Division, that counsel submit a memorandum to him on the subject. A copy of the correspondence leading up to that request is attached, Enclosure (A).

2 Counsel has prepared and recently submitted to Major Mills the memorandum requested by him. It is probable that the memorandum will be submitted through official channels to you for comment and/or recommendation. Therefore, for your information, a copy thereof is attached, Enclosure (B).

3 To summarize briefly the intent of Enclosure (B), I may say that it asks no affirmative action or support on the part of the Department of Defense in this case, but merely asks an opportunity to present the case to the Congress, without objection on the part of the Department.

4 The basis on which I was permitted to engage counsel in this matter was that I would not disclose to counsel any classified information and in a strict adherence to this limitation I did not feel at liberty to tell counsel even of the existence of an official policy decision by the A C of S, G-2, U S Army, having a definite bearing on the case, because that policy decision is classified ~~SECRET~~. However, that decision, a copy of which is attached as an

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appendix to Enclosure (C), clearly indicates that it would be proper for the Department of Defense, or, at least the Department of the Army, not only to offer no objection to the submission of a private bill to the Congress but even to support such a bill. Had I been free to tell counsel of that policy, which, so far as I am aware, has not been rescinded, I could have suggested to him that it would be proper for him to request the active support of the Department rather than the passive "non-objection" to the submission of a private bill in my behalf.

5. It may be that Major Mills knows of the G-2 policy but I am not sure that he does. For the foregoing reason I would be most appreciative if the existence of the G-2 policy, and a copy thereof, were called officially to the attention of Major Mills as soon as practicable. I feel that it would be to my advantage if the G-2 policy became known to Major Mills in the early stages of his study of the memorandum which counsel submitted to him on 21 August. It might result in a more sympathetic attitude toward the case and possibly assist materially in leading toward a decision in my favor.

6. I wish to add that Mr. Fowlett, who is co-inventor in two of the inventions involved in this case, has been kept fully informed of the various steps I have taken, and have set with his concurrence. If the Department of Defense should act favorably in my case he will either join with me in the submission of a private bill in our joint behalf or proceed separately in his own behalf.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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