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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Patent Application Serial No. 443,320

TO: Colonel Hayes

1. Under date of 27 September 1945 I forwarded a memorandum, copy attached, requesting that the subject application be officially declassified, for reasons set forth therein. Almost seven months have passed, without any official response to the memorandum.

2. From the inventors' point of view, if the decision is going to be in the affirmative, the sooner it is made the better, since the potential value of the patent will decline materially with the passage of time and the chances of near-duplication, by outside parties, without infringement of the patent, will increase. If, on the other hand, the decision is going to be in the negative, I would appreciate knowing this as soon as possible, so that we will all know where we stand in this and similar cases.

3. It is my understanding that the subject has been under study in G-2 for several months and although the fact that there are many factors involved, all of which require consideration, is appreciated, nevertheless it would appear that the matter is not so complex as to require such a long time to arrive at an equitable decision.

4. Would you be good enough to look into the matter in G-2 at the present time and ascertain the status of the case? Possibly it might be pertinent to discuss it jointly with Colonel Clarke, as I did with Colonel Goodrich. I understand that the matter is no longer in Colonel Goodrich's hands.

1 Incl:
Ltr, subject as
above, dtd 27 Sept 45,
to CG, ASA.

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