

SIGNAL CORPS PATENT BOARD

MEETING NO. 3

May 26, 1936.

1. a. The Board met at 2 P.M. this date, in room 3435, Munitions Building, Present: All members.

b. Mr. W. F. Friedman was called as a witness.

2. The purpose of this meeting was to take action and make recommendations with reference to the following inventions of Mr. W. F. Friedman:

a. Indicating Device - Invented March 20, 1936.

b. Improvement in Converter type M-134-T-1 -
Invented March 11, 1936.

c. Stylus-operated Keyboard for a small Portable
Cryptograph - Invented August 1, 1935.

3. a. The Board finds that the Indicating Device described in a drawing and attached paper, dated March 20, 1936, has no value to the Government.

b. The Board recommends that the invention covering the Indicating Device be returned to Mr. Friedman with a statement to the effect that such device has no military value, and that there is no objection to his applying for letters patent on this device, if such application is prosecuted without expense to the Government.

4. a. The Board finds that the Improvement in Converter M-134-T-1 as described in memorandum of April 29, 1936, is of value to the Government.

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b. (1) The Board recommends that Mr. Friedman be instructed to submit specifications to the Patent Section for the necessary action with a view to obtaining letters patent under the provision of section 4886 of the Revised Statutes.

(2) The Board recommends that the invention be not considered important in the National Defense, and that a non-exclusive license to the Government, in writing, be required.

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5. a. The Board finds that the "Stylin-operated Keyboard for a Small Portable Cryptograph" as described on photostatic copy of drawing dated August 1, 1935, and attached description of device dated April 21, 1936, is of value to the Government.

b. The Board recommends that:

(1) Mr. Friedman be instructed to submit specifications to the Patent Section for the necessary action, with a view to obtaining letters patent, under the provisions of section 4886 of the Revised Statutes.

(2) The invention be not considered important in the National Defense, and that a non-exclusive license to the Government, in writing, be required.

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