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W. P. & T. Division, OCSigO, October 10, 1931. To: The Personnel Division, OCSigO, Through The Executive Officer.

1. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Friedman and myself to witness a demonstration of a cipher machine recently developed by Colonel Parker Hitt, at his office in New York City. It is requested that travel orders be issued for me in conformity with the mimeographed request for orders attached hereto. It is to be noted that this visit contemplates stopping at Fort Monmouth either going or coming for the purpose of coordinating technical activities involved in the development of the cipher machine.

2. It is further requested that travel orders be issued covering a similar visit for Mr. Friedman.

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D. M. Crawford,
Major, Signal Corps.

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Requests for Travel
Orders for Major Crawford
and Mr. Friedman

W.P. & T. Div.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1931

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Officer.

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1. In connection with a recent visit to this office of Colonel Parker Hitt, at which time the latter extended through you an invitation to have representatives of this office examine the cipher machine developed under his direction by the I.T. & T. Corporation, it is requested that consideration be given to issuing orders within a short time for Mr. Friedman and myself to proceed to New York for this purpose.

2. Such a visit could well be combined with a trip to the Signal Corps Laboratories to confer with the officer in charge thereof with regard to the progress being made in the development of our own cipher machine, and to insure that this development is proceeding along the lines set forth in specifications now being filed for a patent covering this invention.

3. Another subject upon which a conference at Fort Monmouth at this time would be opportune is that dealing with the study being made under the direction of the Signal Corps Board for the development of intercept and goniometric procedure.

4. The most convenient time for this visit to New York and to Fort Monmouth is the week beginning October 25. It is thought that one day in New York and one or two days at Fort Monmouth will be sufficient to accomplish the purposes in view.

5. If the proposed visit to New York is approved, the matter will be taken up by this Division with Colonel Hitt, in order to fix a date mutually agreeable.

D. M. Crawford,
Major, Signal Corps.

To

Major Friedman,

Your
change of date from the
26th to the 29th will
be all right here.

We will
be glad to see you and
Major Crawford on Thursday
Oct 29th between 10 and
10³⁰ AM.

Yours.

Hitt

7 Oct. 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1931

Colonel Parker Hitt, U.S.A., Retired,
International Telephone & Telegraph Company,
67 Broad Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Hitt:

Many thanks for your note which was received this morning.

A slight change in plans makes it more advisable that Major Crawford and I come to New York on Thursday morning, October 29, rather than Monday morning. I hope that this change will not inconvenience you, but if it does, please do not hesitate to let me know and we will try some other date. The hour set namely between 10:00 and 10:30, is very satisfactory to us.

For your convenience I enclose a self-addressed, franked envelope.

Sincerely yours,

1 Encl.

#10 My Dear Friedman,
Reference
yours of the 2nd. I will
be glad to show you the
machines on Oct. 26. Let
us say 10⁰⁰ or 10²⁰ AM if that
will suit your convenience.

Yours.

Hitt

5 Oct. 1931

Regards to Crawford
who is invited too, of
course.

T. H.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

October 2, 1931

Colonel Parker Hitt, U.S.A., Retired,
International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.,
67 Broad Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Hitt:

On the occasion of your recent visit to this office, you indicated to Colonel Kump that you would be glad to demonstrate the cipher machine which was developed by you for the I.T. & T., and which I have long been anxious to see.

Official business requires the presence of Major D. M. Crawford, my immediate superior, and myself at Fort Monmouth the latter part of this month. He would also like to see your machine and we thought it would be nice to combine the visit to your office with that to Fort Monmouth. Would Monday, October 26, be convenient for you, and if so, can you designate the hour? If the date indicated is not convenient for you, what date thereabouts would be?

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,