

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. W. F. Friedman**  
**War Plans and Training Division**

You are hereby assigned to develop improvement in arts of value to the Chief Signal Officer, during the period of your assignment to duty in the office of the Chief Signal Officer.

It is expected that this work may result in the discovery of patentable features, and your assignment to this work is for the particular purpose of vesting in the United States all right, title and interest to any invention that you may make while engaged in the work assigned, if in the opinion of the Chief Signal Officer the public interest demands that the invention be owned and controlled by the War Department.

Acceptance of assignment to this work will constitute an agreement on your part to execute the papers required for complete assignment of any such invention to the United States in case the Chief Signal Officer decides that the invention should remain secret, or to execute the papers necessary for making application for patent and the assignment of the patent to the United States if secrecy is not necessary or is necessary only for a limited time. In the case of an invention which the Chief Signal Officer decides should remain secret acceptance of this assignment also constitutes an agreement on your part that you will not disclose the invention to unauthorized persons until such time as you are informed in writing by the Chief Signal Officer, or by his order, that the need for secrecy has ceased.

The assignment of the invention to the United States must be drafted in form to comply with requirements of law relating to patent applications coming under this category; but such assignment or instrument of transfer may in a proper case include suitable reservations to enable you to retain or repossess your commercial rights, in whole or in part, if and when the need for secrecy ceases to exist.

This notice of assignment to develop improvements in arts of value to the Signal Corps shall not be construed as divesting you of ownership of any invention made by you while engaged on this work, other than those which in the opinion of the Chief Signal Officer should be owned and controlled by the War Department to safeguard the public interest, except that the United States shall be entitled to a non-exclusive license to any and all inventions made by you in the course of the work assigned in the same way as if this special assignment had not been made.

By order of the Chief Signal Officer:

(signed) DAWSEN OLMSTEAD  
 Executive Officer

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War Department, OCSigO, Washington, D.C. April 25, 1936  
 To: The Chief Signal Officer.

1. I hereby accept assignment to work under the conditions

set forth in basic communication.

/s/ William F. Friedman