

18 January 1955

Mr. Henry E. Langen

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Dear Mr. Langen:

I have been tardy in replying to your letter of 8 December 1954 but it took a while to get an answer to the question you raised about the availability of M-94 devices. From the highest source I got an answer recently to the effect that there are none in the storage depots any longer and therefore none will be available for sale as surplus property. My source said he thought that while they might have been put on sale some years ago the greatest quantity was probably disposed of as junk aluminum. I regret my inability to help you acquire one of these obsolete devices.

Thank you for the picture of your portable Playfair Matrix. This resembles in a way certain puzzles which you buy for children and grown-ups in the way of matrices with moveable blocks.

With regard to the addendum to the Poe article, just as soon as I get something in writing which will tell me that the Signal Corps Bulletins no longer have any classification, I will know what to do. I have been trying to get a statement in writing but thus far without success.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN