

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1941

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

For some time officials of this Department have been conferring with the Chief Signal Officer of the Army with reference to the fulfillment of the desire of the Department of State to obtain a cipher writing machine for facilitating secret and speedy communication between the Department and certain of its offices abroad.

As a result of these conferences it seems that the War Department could make arrangements to provide the Department of State with machines of this character, for which reimbursement would be made. Therefore, this Department would be very appreciative if arrangements were made for the furnishing of eight machines for this Department.

The Honorable

Henry L. Stimson,

Secretary of War.

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It is understood that the cost will be approximately \$3,000.00 per unit. The Department will transfer or otherwise make available the necessary funds to cover the purchase.

It would be appreciated if this request could be given urgent consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ SUMNER WELLES

Acting Secretary

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## Transfer of funds - State Department.

- (1) Fiscal Attached hereto is correspondence concerning transfer of funds from the State Department to the War Department for the purchase of cipher machines. It is desired that the sum of \$32,426.28 be obtained for this contract and as soon as these funds are transferred, a detailed purchase order will be placed, through Supply, to fill this order.

Mr. David A. Salmon, Chief of Communications and Records Division, of the State Department, has concurred verbally in this arrangement and preliminary estimate given him was \$30,000.00. Request advice as to when this transfer has been effected.

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Attached:-

Copy Ltr. to Secretary of State from Secretary of War dated 7/9/41/

- (2) Supply For instructions

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- (3) S.I.S. 1. Noted.

2. To obtain advance payment on this project it will be necessary to have the letter from The Secretary of State dated June 28, 1941

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Transfer of Funds - State Department. (Cont.)

(4) Supply

Herewith, copy of letter from The  
Secretary of State to Secretary of War dated  
6/28/41.

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Date: 10/11/41

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