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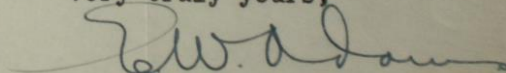
Dear Mr. Byrne:

In your discussion with Mr. Campbell on Tuesday, March 3, 1942, regarding conditions to be observed in submitting your idea on ciphering mechanisms to us for consideration, you raised the question as to whether, in the event that we found the idea to be valuable to us and suitable arrangements were made for rights, we would undertake the filing and prosecution of the patent application.

As Mr. Campbell advised you, it is not our practice to prosecute applications upon inventions made by those outside of our organization under which we may wish to obtain rights.

Our interest, if any in any patent you may obtain, would be only in a non-exclusive license. We do not consider it advisable for a licensee to undertake the filing and prosecution of an application under such circumstances as the licensor is charged with that responsibility. This does not mean that a licensee should not assist the licensor by way of suggestion and advice relative to the application.

Very truly yours,



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