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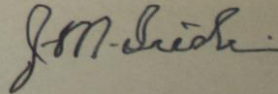
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Sir:

In reply to your letter of 26 January, 1938, you are advised that the Bureau cannot undertake to study your cipher system until a detailed description of the cipher, the manner in which it is produced and the proposed machine is furnished as requested in the Bureau's letter of December 7th, 1937. It will be appreciated that the Bureau can more quickly and accurately determine the merit of a given cipher from a complete disclosure of the manner in which it is formed than by attempting to analyze sample text. Such a course must be followed as a matter of policy to efficiently utilize available funds and personnel in undertaking the great amount of work of this nature which is presented.

If it will be more convenient to you in conveying the required information, the Bureau will be pleased to arrange a conference with you in the Navy Department at your convenience; however, it is regretted that no funds are available with which to reimburse you for any expenses involved in coming to Washington for this purpose.

Very respectfully,



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