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Dear Lr. Mechem:

Your letter of Earch 5 has been referred to me by the Secretary of Defense for consideration.

I regret that this Agency has no available facilities to appraise the subject matter. The preparation of cryptographic systems for the use of U.S. government agencies is a function assigned to certain branches of the various executive departments. For obvious security reasons I am unable to name them but will forward the material received to them for their consideration. If such government activities should be further interested in the proposed cryptographic system I shall be very happy to inform you.

Very truly yours,

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