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Re: Leaks of Information on Pending  
Applications from the Files of  
the Patent Office.

Gentlemen:

The writer would like to confer with you as to a condition that is serious, and may become more serious, in connection with the above matter.

I have presented specific instances to the Commissioner of Patents, his Security Officer and the Security Officer of the Department of Commerce. All that I got was abuse, and repeated abuse from the Security Officer of the Department of Commerce, and to some extent from the Security Officer of the Patent Office, and particularly, from the Supervising Examiner Rosa.

It has been assumed for many years that patent applications were secret. It is essential to the welfare of our country that they be kept secret, and the new Patent Law of 1953 requires no export of patent application information without a license for the first six months a patent application is pending, and no export whatsoever of applications assigned to Division 70.

If this matter is of interest to you, I will be glad to confer with your representative either here in my Dayton Office, or in my Washington Office, or I would be glad to call upon you as a public duty.

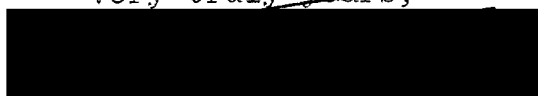
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So that you can identify me, my serial number, as a Retired Colonel of Infantry, is 0205520. I have been recently advised that you are well aware of my reliability in security matters and my clearances.

If I were employed by a foreign government I would know of no richer harvest than to have access to the best technical brains represented by the pending applications in the United States Patent Office. The fruits of our greatest laboratories and research developments are held under conditions that are amazing, and to which all sorts of people have access, and apparently outsiders, according to my information, have advance access.

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Very truly yours,

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P.S. I have taken this up with the F.B.I. and have a personal letter from Mr. Hoover stating that there is nothing to be done because there is no Statute on the subject. However, this is not correct for the Patent Code enacted in 1952 which became effective in 1953 specifically said that such applications are confidential. I do not think we should quibble over words when the security of this nation is at stake -- our opponents have no such restrictions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'N. A. G.', is written below the P.S. text.

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