

- NO. 1'' and ''SIS - SC - 861'' are printed in very small letters.

Each sheet except the last has 46 lines of printing; the last has 40, making 5974 lines of printing in all. It appears to be a listing of a deck of IBM cards. The printing is spaced three lines to the inch. Each line of printing is about 6.5 inches long, with an ample margin on the left side of the sheet. Each line consists of a group of 5 digits, a space, a group of 3 digits, two spaces, and then as many as 30 letters, digits, and commas in the mnemonic transcription alphabet. With the exception of a few sheets on which the printer ribbon seems worn out, the printing is quite clear. One distinctive feature is the form of the printed zero, which looks more like Norwegian ø than an ordinary 0.

The first group of digits names the VMS page, the second group is a serial number for IBM card within page, and the 30 letters, digits, and commas are the actual transcription data.

There are, in addition, two sheets of handwritten transcription data, clipped to sheets 20 and 22.

Many sheets have extensive handwritten marks on them. These may be roughly classified as marks of ownership, of use, and of correction.

The ''marks of ownership'' are mainly on the first sheet: At the top of the sheet, in pencil cursive, not Friedman's, is the misspelled label ''Voyanich Man.'' and (in another hand) ''Rhoades H. Q. 215,'' doubtless referring to Captain Mark Rhoads (USA, Ret.), Friedman's long-time associate [C, 1977, see pp 87, 88] and apparently, at the end of the war, Friedman's chief assistant. In the upper right hand corner of the the first sheet is a rubber-stamped date, ''Jan 07 1946,'' which is consistent with the 1944-1946 date span usually cited for the First Study Group. Just above the first line of printing, in pencil block letters is ''Tentative IBM Transcript.'' Immediately to the left of the first printed line, in pencil cursive (possibly Friedman's) ''27 Mar. '49.'' On the bottom of the first sheet, a large handwritten ''1609.'' On sheet 3, another ''27 Mar '49.'' Starting on the 87th sheet of printout are comments in the left margin, in Friedman's hand, written in green ink, like ''Here begins the 'Rx's' or 'recipes.' (Folio 103 recto),'' and at the top of each sheet from there on to the end, a catch phrase like ''F 103 R Cont'd.'' On sheet 96, ''Begin F.105 Verso. Note: Tiltman's transcript begins here.'' On sheet 119, ''Tiltman's