

IN REPLY REFER TO

## WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,

WASHINGTON.

6 October, 1919

Engineering DIVISION  
and Research  
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Colonel George Fabyan,  
P. S. Box 435,  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Fabyan:

Acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 4, 1919. We are sending you herewith 150 cipher tapes representing a typical day's business.

Your prompt and conscientious action in informing the Chief Signal Officer about the error in the preceding batch of tapes is very much appreciated. We very much regret that this mistake occurred because we realize the trouble and waste of time it caused your operating force. It is hoped that no repetition of this nature will be experienced in the accompanying lot. Every possible precaution has been taken this time to prevent a recurrence.

Attention is again invited to the letter accompanying the previous batch of cipher tapes. All the remarks contained therein applying to the previous batch of tapes apply to this lot. Each individual cipher tape sent you has been deciphered and an English copy printed. These, together with the master tapes and original plain text tapes, are kept on file here. No trick encipherment has been resorted to by this office. No departure from the previous procedure has been made with the exception that no disinterested officer has been called in to check the tapes in order to save time.

We would be pleased to receive from you a copy of the addendum to your first paper upon the proposed solution of this cipher which you forwarded to the Military Intelligence Division. That Division promised to send a copy of this paper to this office but as it has moved its office to New York City, it is presumed that the upset of office conditions has prevented the forwarding of a copy of this report to this office to date.

Was not aware of the fact that Trott had reached Washington, but shall take great pleasure in looking him up at an early opportunity.

Regards to all at Riverbank.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE FABYAN  
CHICAGO

P O BOX 435

Oct.4,1919.

Dear Colonel Mauborgne:

I carefully note the communication of September 30th, giving us a concrete example of what you intended to convey when you drew the circle and divided it into four quarters.

I am sorry about the error on the tapes, because we had already put considerable work on them, at the same time, we realized under the circumstances, that it would amount to nothing as a test if we continued.

The Trotts are in Washington, as I suppose you know.  
Please give my compliments to Mrs. Mauborgne.

Sincerely yours,

Lt. Col. J.O. Mauborgne,  
Engineering and Research Division,  
Signal Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

