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June 23, 1919.

Colonel George Fabyan,
Riverbank Laboratories,
Geneva, Illinois.

My dear Colonel Fabyan:

Your letter of June 16 to The Adjutant General of the Army, regarding the A. T. & F. machine cipher, has been referred to this section for action.

Will you kindly ask Mr. Friedman to state in detail what he means, in his letter to you of June 12, in referring to the safety of the A. T. & F. cipher, by "as now used".

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Friedman with the enclosed letter of transmission.

Very truly yours,

H. O. YARDLEY,
Major, U. S. A.

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Mr. W. F. Friedman,
226 Third Street,
Geneva, Illinois.

My dear Friedman:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have written to Colonel Fabyan.

In writing about this matter, Colonel Fabyan has always confused the issue of the A. T. & T. cipher by insisting on discussing its vulnerability when used in some manner different from that actually used by the A. T. & T. Company.

It is for this reason that I am asking Colonel Fabyan to have you state in detail just what you mean in your letter to him of June 12 by "as now used". Until I get your reply through him, I cannot be sure that he has given you the correct system.

Of course we recognize its weakness, but, frankly, we have not been able to decipher a message properly enciphered; nor for that matter has Colonel Fabyan.

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