

5th, April 1919

Captain John Manly: M. I. B., General Staff:

1. Attached letter from Colonel Pabyan, dated 31st, March 1919, was forwarded to me by Mr Gherardi, N. Y. C. Inasmuch as it believed that same may be of interest to you in connection with recent developments in the case of the reputed "breaking" of the Printing Telegraph Cipher, same is forwarded.

J. O. Mauborgne,
Engineering and Research Division
Executive

Attachment

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Chicago March 31, 1919.

My dear Mr. Gherardi:

[I have your letter and the facts are as stated. I did not intend you to construe my first letter as a formal demand for a dinner for three, in fact, I am on a diet and could not indulge in a dinner if I had the opportunity.

I am of the opinion that any cipher is decipherable provided there is enough of it and one has enough time, enough brains and incentive to work on it. The use of the 26 characters is enough. The 32 characters complicate it just that much more. I repeat, I have profound respect for the Cipher Printing Machine and the brains which conceived it.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Bancroft Gherardi,
Engineer of Plant
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.,
195 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

(Sgd) FABYAN

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My dear Colonel Mauborgne:

This is for your information.

B Gherardi
3/31/19