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31st, March 1919

My dear Mr Gherardi:

I want to thank you for your two letters of March 27th, enclosing all the correspondence to that date with Colonel Fabyan on the subject of the ciphers sent him which had been prepared on the cipher printing telegraph device, purchased by the Government and devised by your engineers, and also for your letter of 29th, March enclosing a copy of another letter from Colonel Fabyan and your answer thereto, the subject matter being the second message, or to be more correct, message number 3, the decipherment of which you already knew of through my conversation.

Undoubtedly, some official action will be forthcoming, because I am inclined to believe that Colonel Fabyan is going to proclaim to the world, or at least to the government, that he has succeeded in breaking the printing telegraph cipher.

I shall keep you informed unofficially of the progress of events and request permission to use the letters you have sent me officially if necessary to refute Colonel Fabyan's claims.

Sincerely yours,

Mr Bancroft Gherardi,  
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