# LECTURE III - 27 June

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75 REF ID:A3 Lecture III - 27 June 1958 Section 1- Prefatory remarks followed by Walter Broukhite film," You and there! secret message that plun uto war! (Zemmermann Telegram) Section 2 - Devoted entriely to discussion of the Z.T. with reading of extracts from my brochuse. Admiral Jamas of Rung book.

## LECTURE NOTE

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The Zimmermann telegram as deciphered by the British Room 40 0.B.

"Here is a translation of the thing. It was important because the message said the Germans were going to resume unrestricted submarine warfare and this part, here, dealing with a deal with Mexico, was the straw that broke the camel's back. People in the Middle West were very lukewarm toward the idea of our getting into the War - on either side- but when the Germans began talking about returning to Mexico Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, that was something else again. So we got into the war within a couple

of weeks after the British gave us and established the authenticity of the translation of "the Zimmermann telegram."

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(How the Zimmermann telegram was deciphered makes a fascinating story in itself and shows how astute use was made by the British of this telegram. German amazement and embarrassment. Question of spy work etc. in Mexico. British covered up the trail excellently!)

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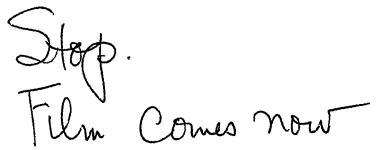
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The Zimmermann telegram

The telegram which brought American into the war on the Allied side, World War I. Many reasons for thinking we might go in on the side of the Germans and had they been more astute diplomatically, it <u>might</u> have turned out that way!)

