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St. Jawett -

A blast out of  
the past. Guess  
should go in hist  
files. This turned up  
recently - I forget  
from where. Have made  
some notes on one letter  
of Hox's.

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GEORGE FABYAN  
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PO BOX 435

September 2, 1919.

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Dear General Churchill:

I sent you a copy of the letter we sent to the Signal Corps which will explain itself. I don't want to bother you but I think it is a matter of courtesy to keep you informed. The point of the whole thing is, that Riverbank is of the opinion that the Signal Corps do not want the cipher broken and the hit bird flutters. It is entirely possible to use the cipher machine in a practical sort of a way and get out messages which it would be most difficult to decipher. Our past experience is that Colonel Mauborgne will do the same thing with the cipher machine as he did with the DeYaub Cipher and that is, put in some extra refinements to put one over on Riverbank and this is not our idea of co-operation.

I want to thank you for the disposition shown towards Riverbank and you can rest assured that the Senators and Congressmen whom I know, will be informed as occasion offers in regard to the purposes of a General Staff as compared to a bunch of bureaus with drawers that stick.

If you happen to run across that crippled bugler who can bugle and who would appreciate a good home and lots of work, will you kindly ship him C.O.D. to

Sincerely yours,

To General F. Churchill,  
Woodward Apartment,  
2301 Connecticut Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

