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MEMORANDUM for M. I. D., General Staff,  
Attention Captain Manley:

1. There are enclosed herewith copies, in duplicate, of two letters received by me from Mr Bancroft Gherardi, Acting Chief Engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York City, in connexion with the reputed decipherment by Colonel Fabyan's cipher experts of the messages prepared by using the printing telegraph cipher apparatus built by the A. T. and T. Company for the United States Government.

2. Both these letters are dated 27th, March 1919. With the first is enclosed a photostat copy of a letter from Colonel Fabyan to Mr Gherardi dated 22nd, March and a copy of a letter from Mr Gherardi to Colonel Fabyan dated 27th, March 1919. With the second are enclosed copies of letter to Colonel Fabyan dated 11, June 1918, copy of statement of 7, June 1918 with seven enciphered messages in perforated tape and typewritten form, copy of sheet marked, "Multiplex Perforator Tape", copy of cipher square. All four of these enclosures were transmitted to Colonel Fabyan in June 1918 and formed the basis on which he started the decipherment of the messages in the same key, one of which, it is understood, he has recently transmitted to the Secretary of War claiming that he has "broken" the printing telegraph cipher, which from the correspondence is, of course, a claim it is evident he cannot support without the production of the translation of the messages prepared according to the system used by the United States Signal Corps, and which the Cipher Bureau of the M. I. D. has already passed upon as being the only safe system to use.

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Enclosures 2.