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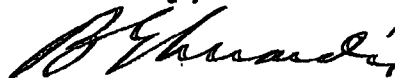
NEW YORK March 29, 1919.

Lieutenant Colonel J. O. Mauborgne, S. C., U.S.A.,
Office of the Chief Signal Officer,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mauborgne:

Here is a copy of another letter from
Colonel Fabyan and a copy of my answer thereto.

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure:

Copy of Letter from
Colonel Fabyan to
Mr. Gherardi, dated
March 26;

Copy of Letter to
Colonel Fabyan
from Mr. Gherardi,
dated March 28.

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Bliss, Talyan & Co.

P.O. Box 435

Chicago March 26, 1919.

My dear Mr. Gherardi:

Here's another message and personally, I don't think that the man^{who} enciphered it should have used numerals. I think the quantities should have been spelled out. Numerals are harder to get than letters and one wants to have a little compassion on the decipherer.

That is a damn good machine of yours and I am stuck on it. It surely can mix the alphabet up as both myself and my associates can testify. It's the hardest, meanest job we ever had.

Sincerely yours,

March 28, 1919.

Colonel George Fabyan,
Riverbank,
Geneva, Ill.

My dear Colonel Fabyan:

[Thanks for your letter of March 26 and the enclosed message, which is No. 3 of those sent you and is one of those I expected you could decipher. I shall be interested when you have No. 1, 5, 6 or 7, as I wrote you yesterday.]

Sincerely,

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