

SUBJECT: Herbert Yardley  
 FOR: Capt. Hotson  
 FROM: Lester Condit

The files of the NEW YORK TIMES disclose the following about Yardley's activities between 1928 and 1934:

June 2, 1931 (p 16, col. 3) DENY OUR STATESMEN READ ENVOYS' CIPHERS  
 State Department Officials Discredit Yardley's Story of a Black Chamber.  
 State Department denies all knowledge. War Department officials deny existence of any cryptographic bureau for last four years

June 7, 1931 (p. 28, col. 2) Yardley hired as code and cipher expert,  
 Scientific Crime Prevention Laboratory of Northwestern university, work to be done from his home at Fortnington, Indiana.

February 21, 1933 (p. 3, col. 4) Code Expert's Manuscript on Japan  
 is Seized Federal men impound work by H. O. Yardley, wartime head of cryptographic bureau. Author accused of taking secret diplomatic documents when he left service. Manuscript impounded under Section 32, title 50, which prohibits agents from appropriating secret documents.

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*This is the sum of what Dr Condit was able  
 to find*

*L. Hotson*