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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 DeYauh 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 accross 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 W. Churchill, Woodward Apartment, 2301 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

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