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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1942

Mr. J. F. Byrne
2069 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Byrne:

Receipt of your letter of June 9th, is acknowledged. First permit me to say that your initial letter of June 3rd did come direct to me and I turned it over to the division which handles these matters. You will, I am sure, appreciate the fact that the pressure of business is so great that it is impracticable in all cases to give personal attention to every piece of correspondence which arrives.

I am sorry that we overlooked the matter of giving you the data you asked for in connection with Col. Hitt or Major Moorman. The former is now on duty as Signal Officer, Fifth Corps Area, Fort Hayes, Ohio. The latter has been retired from the Army for some 15 years and I do not believe that he is at all interested in cryptography any longer. His address, however, is 6905 Fifth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

It is impossible for me to enter into a lengthy correspondence in regard to your cipher system. I can neither affirm or deny any assertion that you may make concerning your system until we have more data. The purpose of the material sent you was to develop the facts along lines which have long ago proved their usefulness. Unless and until you can find your way clear to submitting the data called for, no examination can be made of your system in order to determine its merits for use in the military service.

I hope you will not consider this letter as being too concise or abrupt but there just is not time to go into a long discussion.

Very truly yours,

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