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My dear Captain:

Yesterday I received your letter of the 11th and the several enclosures in connexion with the Fabyan report about breaking the Printing Telegraph Cipher. I am keenly interested in the work you did on the decipherment of the two messages in the same key, and particularly in the case of the messages which overlapped. While I did not doubt that this could be done, your report of simplified methods is very interesting and I shall be very glad, at some later date, to have you explain something of these methods in detail.

I think that the letters which you prepared for your Chief's signature and the signature of the Secretary of War are sufficiently moderate in tone so as not to give offense and at the same time convey the Department's ideas as to just what Fabyan succeeded in doing. I am rather curious to see his reply. If it gets into your hands, please send me a copy.

I hope to see you at an early date and talk about the messages you deciphered and the methods used.

Sincerely yours,

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