

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON July 26, 1919.

IN REPLY
REFER TO311.55 (Misc. Div.)
SRS*MIWMr. George Fabyan,
Riverbank, Geneva, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Department begs to express its thanks for the information contained in your letters of May 5, June 16 and July 5, concerning the American Telephone and Telegraph Company cipher.

Though the Department is pleased to receive information from citizens, it is not its policy to discuss with anyone whose acts are not controlled by the War Department the details of its secret codes and ciphers whether in current or past use.

However, in order that you may no longer feel the responsibility expressed in your letters, the Department considers itself justified in informing you, that the need for the American Telephone and Telegraph cipher machine passed after the armistice of November, 1918, and its use was discontinued and machines were stored.

This Department is informed that the recommendations for the changes in this cipher, if need for its use arises, will largely depend upon how widely the details of the cipher machine and its alphabets have been circulated.

Very truly yours,

P. Harris
The Adjutant General
Per: *[Signature]*