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My dear Mr. Byrne:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant and I congratulate you on having at last the finished drawings of the Cipher Machine developed from the device which you exhibited to me on June 10 last. It must have been some job.

You ask me to advise you what now to do. My engagements are such that it will be out of the question for me to attempt to give the time and attention to the preparation of your case which I know it would require - from me at any rate, and necessarily it would be correspondingly expensive to you. But even if things were otherwise, and I could give your case my attention now, my advice to you is to put your case in the hands of a competent man in your own bailiwick where he can reach you and you can reach him whenever necessary or desirable, without railroad travel and hotel expense, and the consumption of time, which must necessarily be incurred if your attorney is located in another town. I am sure that there are competent men for this kind of work in your City, although the nature of my professional occupation, for the past few years, has not been such as to keep me in touch with men of that particular class. I am sure, however, that on inquiry you can find a suitable patent attorney in New York for your purpose; and he will be in a position to give you all the

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information about the Patent Office drawings which necessarily  
I could not pretend to give without having before me the  
mechanical design or drawings which you have now obtained.

Trusting that you will meet with every success  
in your undertaking, I beg you to believe me,

Very truly yours,

*Marshall D. Dingle*

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