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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1920.

My dear Sir:

The Secretary desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-sixth regarding a cipher machine concerning which you wrote to him on September thirtieth. Your letter was duly acknowledged on October twentieth but the acknowledgment was later returned to the Department with the statement that you were not at that address.

The Department has examined with interest the plan which you submitted, but it does not feel that it can undertake to pass upon the value of an invention of this sort.

I am returning to you herewith the papers which you sent to the Department.

Yours very truly,

J. F. Byrne, Esquire,
138 Twelfth Street,
Long Island City,
New York.

J. Howard Shaw
Executive Assistant.