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THE WAR COLLEGE,
WASHINGTON.

7 March, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Byrne,

Your letter of the 4th received. It is one of the penalties of my personal interest in ciphers that my friends get the idea that I have some official connection with them. As a matter of fact, I have no such official connection, have never had and, frankly, hope I never will.

But, if you come to Washington or want to correspond with the right man here about your machine, I will be glad to put you in touch with Major Frank Moorman, General Staff, Room 2648, Munitions Building, who handles these matters (in connection with the Signal Corps) and who is a personal friend and cipher pupil of mine.

As for the last paragraph of your letter, I deeply appreciate your offer but turn it down in the interest of my own liberty of action. I am a free lance at this game and expect to remain one. For that reason, I am returning your letter in order that we may consider it as never written.

Yours truly,

Tucker Hitt