

141 East 37th Street,  
New York, March 6, 1922.

Dear Colonel Locke:

I received your letter this morning and after thinking the matter over for some time have decided that if you can arrange transportation for Mrs. Yardley and me on April 8th I shall take advantage of it and come back on a steamer in case there is no return transport. I need not add that I appreciate your efforts in my behalf. As soon as Major Moorman gets back from the hospital I shall get in touch with him as I feel sure that he will want me to learn what I can about the way codes are handled in the Military Attaches' offices in the cities which I visit, and possibly also to straighten them out in any difficulties they are having with the different systems of communication that he has inaugurated, such as the double transposition ciphers, etc.

Major McLean can be left to oversee matters during my absence but I think that before making a definite decision you should be informed of the following. Major McLean has spent all of his time since he has been here in the Japanese department working on various codes and doing some translation work. Consequently he is not familiar with the details of the office. It has been our practice when I am away on vacation to leave the office in the hands of Mr. Meeth who is thoroughly familiar with everything.

The package which was mailed at



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an uptown office Saturday arrived this morning on time but this is no test as Sunday intervened. I shall write you a note tomorrow telling you the time of arrival of Monday's package.

Very sincerely yours,

*Hoyle*  
P.S. I will not take any steps to get a passport until I learn positively if that you can get transportation over *pay*

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