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141 East 37th Street,
New York, March 10, 1922.

Dear Colonel Locke:

Regarding my letter of last Wednesday about permission for me to go South for a while, I thought inasmuch as I had to go I might as well get started and therefore tried to get you on the telephone to obtain permission. As the telephone girl said you would be gone all day I asked for Colonel Heintzelman. I am sorry I had to trouble him about the matter but I am anxious to get started for the sooner I get away the sooner I shall get back.

Col Heintzelman gave me permission
I shall leave this evening for Arizona. I am not sure exactly what town I shall stay in but I have arranged matters here so that if I am needed a telegram can reach me. I plan to be gone six weeks. When I get settled I shall write to Major Moorman and straighten out my leave.

Colonel Heintzelman asked me if Mr. Meeth could carry on matters while I am gone and I assured him that he could. I have told him that Colonel Heintzelman will be here during the week beginning March 19th. Colonel Heintzelman will be able to see more here if Mr. Meeth knows exactly what day he will arrive so that the work can be arranged for demonstration.

The situation here as to the progress of the work is briefly as follows. The Japanese diplomatic codes are all broken and the naval codes are all carded and are being worked on. Two of the army codes, JN and JQ, have been carded and are being worked on and JR is now in the hands of the typists. There is still another Japanese army code that has not been identified. This will have to wait until I get back as no one except myself understands how to identify the indicators (you will no doubt recall that I have already written explaining the details of this rather difficult system).

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(Col. Locke)

We have temporarily given up the French code that we had carded as a bad job on account of the peculiar repetitions and are now identifying a number of messages in another code. This work will continue during my absence.

The new English code is being worked on and several words have been identified. This work will continue during my absence but I doubt if we are going to have any immediate luck without some help from Hurley. It might be well to remind him that he promised us some material out of Hughes' private files to assist us in breaking the French and English secret codes -- I say secret as the English code that we have broken appears to be used for only non-confidential matters.

The breaking of the Mexican messages will go on as usual during my absence as well as the translation of the Japanese diplomatic messages.

The work on the Bolshevik ciphers will stop during my absence as I am the only one who knows anything about them.

Very sincerely yours,

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