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New York, July 13, 1922.

Dear Colonel Heintzelman:

Yesterday we received a two-page message, Ma 492, dated July 4th. The message is very difficult and although we have worked on it steadily for two days, we shall not be able to send it earlier than tomorrow evening.

About the only thing we are certain that it says is that the negotiations have been completed for the purchase of the documents referred to in Ma 490. The sum of \$2500 has already been turned over and upon the delivery of the documents an additional \$3500 will be paid, a total of \$6000, together with the expenses of two agents in New York for a period of two weeks.

In addition the message mentions an English oil company, and, we think, the San Francisco correspondent of the New York American; just where they stand in the "conspiracy" we are as yet unable to tell.

I am sorry that the message cannot be sent to you complete tonight but I assure you that we are doing everything possible, both in concentration and number of hours, to get the Mexican messages out as promptly as possible. It is not easy to realize just how difficult these messages are without going into the technique of code attack. Briefly, our main difficulty is due to the fact that the Mexicans change their encipherment on every message and that the decipherment of one message gives very little assistance in the breaking of others.

Very sincerely yours,

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