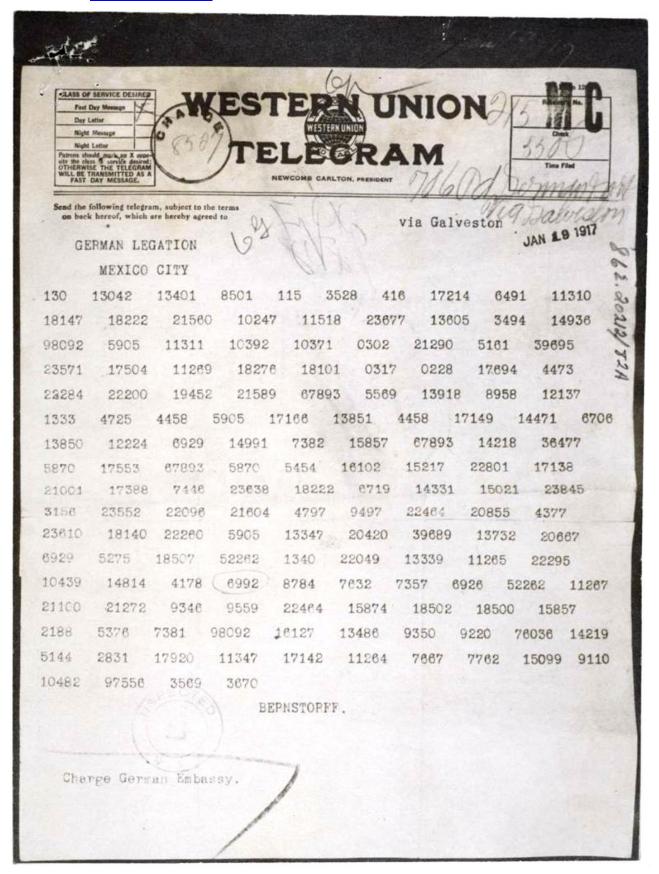
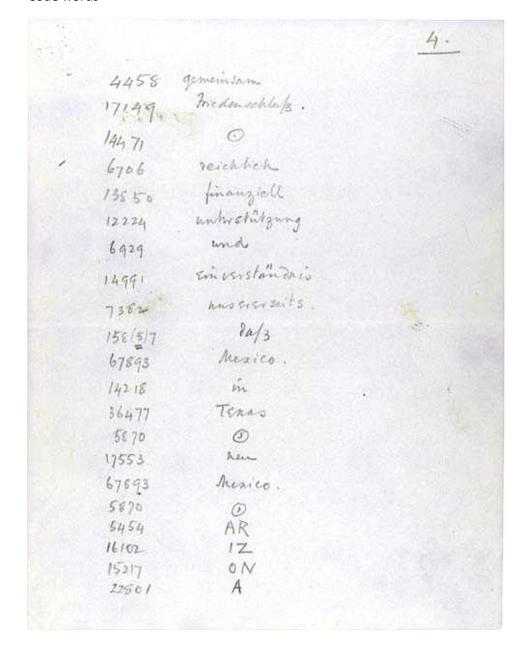
Zimmermann telegram

Below is a copy of the famous telegram that was sent by German's Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann in World War I. It was sent to the Mexican President. Zimmermann asked for Mexico's help in case the USA would be involved in the war and suggested to "Make war together, make peace together, generous financial support, and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you." The message was encrypted as you can see, but was cracked by the people of "Room 40", the British Admiralty's cipher bureau. Both the original message and the decoded one are displayed below.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED. FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of america neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most . secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZINDERHADA.