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The following type of study has occurred to me as being possibly useful, even though it would have to recognize that such a study would naturally be very much of a piece of guesswork. Assumably that the Axis Powers are satisfied that the British + U.S. are not reading their high-level or high-grade

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systems (which requires a very reasonable one) and using this assumption as a guide or a measure of the technical ability of their cryptanalysts, what cryptographic systems are they reading? Such a study would have to be correlated with a study of the extent and sources of their raw material; for example, it would be clear that traffic sent by land line or cable & not within physical reach by them would not constitute source material.

The importance of knowing what the Germans are reading of Turkish, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese traffic, as far as concerns our diplomatic negotiations, is quite clear and might affect our own negotiations with those countries.

We do have a small amount of information on this, gleaned from reading certain German & Jap messages. It could all be assembled & evaluated. Maybe we could get some help from GCS & CS.

What do you think of such a project?

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I'd be willing to bet the British have already attempted this sort of study. They may have obtained some interesting results. Let's ask them?
Letter to Travis.

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