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American Communications Intelligence may still largely be in its infancy. This fact can easily be explained if one considers the great distance between America and the other powers. In addition to this is the fact that any kind of evaluation is extremely foreign to the American mentality, and in every military event up to now it has stumbled over its own determinations (certainly, prior to the occasion of Pearl Harbor as well as to the occasion of the start of the North Korean attack, an intelligence report should have been at hand concerning them. In both instances the reports were incorrectly heeded much less "evaluated" correctly factually). Also the report recently released by an Austrian newspaper, that the wife of Friedman, Chief of American Decipherment Service, is also an especially capable expert in the field of secret inks just about fits in the picture of a decipherment activity romantically involved in itself and little moulded to the purpose of conducting a war.

Therefore, American Communications Intelligence in particular, and probably to a considerable extent also the English might be counted [as belonging] to that type of real peacetime communications intelligence.

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