

This is just a comparison of transcripts. New transcripts will be added as I find them. My own correct transcript is zero. The rest are in no particular order, though generally they are in the order that they were found. The idea is an attempt to use multiple transcripts to adjudicate disagreements

The first set here are as they were found online or in some cases may be a “decrypt” where there isn't an actual transcription published. Modifications are noted.

(0) Williams transcription

AIBJQ CUJTD KEWXE NEECI IEXSD SVKL  
UEUCU JTHJB EEBCV WUEKE CFLWX STTSK L  
BLCFL BXFMV LBECF WLXJI VLCJX SJ

(1) The MTC3 Schmeh transcription

ABCDE FGDHA IJKLJ MJJFB BJNGO GNIP  
GJGFQ DHRSC JJCFN KGJIJ FTPKL QHHQI P  
CPFUP CLUUN PCJFU KPNDB NPFDL ED

(2) Roberts

PSNOW DROCP BEIGE WEEDS SETIN ITBU  
REIDI OCYON EENDT IREBE DLUIG ICCIB U  
NUDLV NGLYT UNEDL IUTOS TUDOT WO

(3) Gaffney "decrypt" (Transcription)

BLTAC EIARW UNISN FNNEL LHSYW YDUO  
INIEY ARQAT NNTED MINUN EHOMS YRRYU O  
TOEHO TSHGD OTNEH MOSAL DOEAD YA

(4) ruudoleo Elgar Cipher Playground (key: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz)

LYMTC NATFK UQHDQ QQNY YIEBK BEUZ  
AQANA TFOTM QQMNE HAQUQ NIZHE BFFBU Z  
MZNIZ MDIRE ZMQNI HZETY EZNTE CT

(5) Ernst transcript (doubles and ambiguities reduced)

BPECA HTCKY FRQDR IRRHP PRDXY XGFS  
TRTHT CKMCE RREHG QTRFR HWSQD XKKXF S  
ESHUS EDUWG SERHW QSDCP GSHCD XC

(6) Robert S. transcript

BPECA HTCKY FRQDR IRRHP PRDXY XGFS  
TRTHT CKLCE RREHG QTRFR HUSQD XKKXF S  
ESHUS EDUWG SERHU QSDCP GSHCD XC

The following are the above texts normalized so that they all kind of use the same key. Since the effects of multiple encryptions by substitution is to just create a different key, it has no effect on the ciphertext. It does make things easier to compare though.

(0) Williams

ABCDE FGDHI JKLMK NKKFB BKMOI OPJQ  
GKGFG DHRDC KKCFP LGKJK FSQLM OHHOJ Q  
CQFSQ CMSTP QCKFS LQMDB PQFDM OD

(1) Schmeh

ABCDE FGDHA IJKLJ MJJFB BJNGO GNIP  
GJGFQ DHRSC JJCFN KGJIJ FTPKL QHHQI P  
CPFUP CLUUN PCJFU KPND B NPFDL ED

(2) Roberts

ABCDE FGDHA IJKLJ EJJFB BJMKC KMIN  
GJKFK DHODC JJCFM KGJIJ FPNKL KHHKI N  
CNFPQ CLPOM NCJFP KNMDB MNFDM ED

(3) Gaffney

ABCDE FGDHI JKGLK MKKFB BNLOI OPJQ  
GKGFO DHRDC KKCFP SGKJK FNQSL OHHOJ Q  
CQFNQ CLNTP QCKFN SQLDB PQFDP OD

(4) ruudoleo

ABCDE FGDHI JKLMK NKKFB BOPQI QPJR  
GKGFG DHSDC KKCFP LGKJK FORLP QHHQJ R  
CRFOR CMOTP RCKFO LRPDB PRFDP ED

(5) Ernst

ABCDE FGDHI JKLMK NKKFB BKMOI OPJQ  
GKGFG DHRDC KKCFP LGKJK FSQLM OHHOJ Q  
CQFTQ CMTSP QCKFS LQMDB PQFDM OD

(6) Robert S.

ABCDE FGDHI JKLMK NKKFB BKMOI OPJQ  
GKGFG DHRDC KKCFP LGKJK FSQLM OHHOJ Q  
CQFSQ CMSTP QCKFS LQMDB PQFDM OD

Below is the universal ciphertext created by combining the letters that most agree on. In most cases 4 or more agree on each letter when differences are accounted for. Texts 0 and 6 are correct.

Combined

ABCDE FGDHI JKLMK NKKFB BKMOI OPJQ  
GKGFG DHRDC KKCFP LGKJK FSQLM OHHOJ Q  
CQFSQ CMSTP QCKFS LGKJK PQFDM OD

The decrypts tell the final story. If the correct key is applied to almost any reasonable transcript, you end up with mostly the same plaintext.

(0) Williams

pbsaf tdaly rence meetb becoy ourid edtda lwase estun deret  
hinco llori sithi schgu iseth nicab uitac oa

(1) Schmeh

pbsaf tdalp rence meetb beudy durid edtoa lwwse estun deret  
hinco llori sitgi scggu isetg niuab uitac fa

(2) Roberts

pbsaf tdalp reoce feetb becos ocrd eotoa lgase estco deret  
hioco llori sithy schgc iseth oicab citac fa

(3) Gaffney

pbsaf tdaly redce meetb bhcoy ourid edtoa lwase estun deret  
hinco llori sithi schgu iseth nicab uitau oa

(4) ruudoleo

pbsaf tdaly rence meetb bhuoy ourid edtda lwase estun deret  
hinuo llori sithi schgu iseth niuab uitau fa

(5) Ernst

pbsaf tdaly rence meetb becoy ourid edtda lwase estun deret  
hinco llori sitgi scghu iseth nicab uitac oa

(6) Robert S.

pbsaf tdaly rence meetb becoy ourid edtda lwase estun deret  
hinco llori sithi schgu iseth nicab uitac oa

The thing to notice here is that even though some of the transcriptions have been manipulated or transcribed wrong, all of them still more or less reproduce the correct plaintext if the proper key has been applied. In all but text(2), that was heavily manipulated, all the expected words show themselves. With a little more work, text(3,4,5) could be made to match text(0) and in most cases it is clearly either a transcription mistake or an attempt to manipulate the text.