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Public Domain Transmission As Germany lacked a direct telegraph line to North America, the Zimmermann Telegram was transmitted over American and British lines. Find sources: — . . . . October 2016 In March 1917, with the imminent collapse of the , Zimmermann took steps to promote Peace in the East with the Russians, a proposal that was of immense importance to Germany at the time. Woodrow Wilson, meanwhile, was forced to consider whether it was finally time for the United States to enter the war.

### How one telegram helped to lead America toward war

The Zimmermann Telegram was a diplomatic note sent by the German Foreign Office to Mexico in January 1917 which proposed a military alliance between the two nations should the United States enter 1914-1918 on the side of the Allies. In frustration over the effective British naval blockade, Germany broke its pledge to limit submarine warfare on February 1, 1917. Claiming they had originally intercepted it in Mexico, they then presented it to the American embassy in London.

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Full Text of the Zimmermann Telegram translation of the German The Full Text of the Zimmermann Telegram is as follows: We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. This encouraged the Germans to believe mistakenly that this and other US concerns in the area would tie up US resources and military operations for some time to come, sufficiently to justify the overtures made by Arthur Zimmermann in his telegram to the government.

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In Mexico, British agents were able to obtain a copy of the ciphertext from the telegraph office.

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