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### National Cipher Challenge 3 Part A

HERUX JYZBO TIKTZ GJSOX GRULZ NKHRA KGTJI USSGT JKXOT INOKL ULNOY SGPKY ZEYYN OVYGT  
JBKYY KRYKS VRUEK JGTJZ UHKKS VRUEK JOTZN KSKJO ZKXXG TKGTK ZIKZI KZIEU AGXKN KXKHE  
XKWA0 XKJGT JJOXK IZKJZ UZGQK ZNKYN OVYTG SKJOT ZNKSG XMOTA TJKXE UAXIU SSGTJ GTJZU  
VXUIK KJCOZ NZNKA ZSUYZ KDVKJ OZOUT ULLZN KOYRG TJULZ KTKX0 LKGTJ ZNKXK ZUSGQ KEUAX  
JOYVU YOZOU TYLUX ZGQOT MVUYY KYYOU TULZN KZUCT ULYGT ZGIXA FHEGY AJJKT GTJBO MUXUA  
YGYYG ARZEU AGXKZ ULOTJ GTJIG VZAXK ZNKIN OTKYK GMKTZ ZNKXK OTGTJ ZUOTZ KXXUM GZKNO  
SIUTI KXTOT MZNKT GZAXK ULZNK SGXRU CKCKG VUTGT JTGVU RKUTY OTZKT ZOUTY LUXOZ OTSGQ  
OTMEU AXXKV UXZEU AGXKZ UGINO KBKGZ RKGYZ GSGXM OTGRO TIXKG YKOTY KIAX0 ZEHEY AHYZO  
ZAZOT MGSUX KXOMU XUAYI OVNKX LUXZN KRGZO TIOVN KXNOZ NKXZU AYKJS EUCTI OVNKX IRKXQ  
XKSGX QKJZN GZSGX ZOTYN UARJI UTYOJ KXZNK VUYO0 HOROZ EULGM XKKQI OVNKX OTNOY YZAJE  
ULSGX RUCKY JOGXE MOBKT UTHUG XJZNK BOIZU XELUA XZKKT ZNPAR EYKBK TZKKT TOTKZ EYKBK  
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By Lord St. Vincent, Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of his majesty's Ships and Vessels employed and to be employed in the Mediterranean, etc., etc., etc.,

You are hereby required and directed to take the ships named in the margin under your command and to proceed with the utmost expedition off the Island of Tenerife and there to make your dispositions for taking possession of the Town of Santa Cruz by a sudden and vigorous assault. You are to find and capture the Chinese agent therein and to interrogate him concerning the nature of the Marlowe weapon and Napoleon's intentions for it. In making your report you are to achieve at least a marginal increase in security by substituting a more rigorous cipher for the latin cipher hitherto used.

My own cipher clerk remarked that Martin should consider the possibility of a Greek cipher in his study of Marlowe's diary

Given on board the Victory Fourteenth July Seventeen Ninety Seven

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### National Cipher Challenge 3 Part B

32541 41511 42442 42311 45153 24513 23443 44215 35344 24454 15443 23442 15443 41553 35311 15433 24113  
22111 31433 12415 11424 21543 44151 42433 21314 54323 24332 23433 22421 14515 13231 14222 15435 41544  
44424 54344 15442 33334 44442 31522 34451 54233 34424 43442 15451 51131 32544 44245 15354 54235 34431  
52452 42244 41544 23244 33334 44154 42311 44442 31524 33441 53131 24221 53313 15131 13312 15133 43345  
15241 51444 34543 44532 54433 44542 13153 43315 22243 11215 42442 31144 23421 54515 11311 44423 11444  
42315 21453 13114 15441 12431 43342 14423 15521 51135 34331 21525 33345 23344 34113 21133 21423 43221  
11421 31144 23115 45223 34121 53334 52152 43344 23153 31544 23154 23111 33144 33511 42321 14311 22153  
34434 33154 23412 42441 45415 42431 51525 15442 31334 33451 54243 11442 43433 52244 42344 23244 32215  
33443 11532 11333 53431 15542 31144 23441 12515 33311 51145 15443 42142 45434 44211 44154 34513 23113  
21515 44243 32222 24311 21542 44231 14423 42154 51511 31151 44334 32154 42324 33223 42144 23155 21511  
35343 35415 44333 44411 31312 44334 45222 34421 42343 22324 32433 43215 15452 41415 33131 55415 44442  
31544 42151 11323 15423 44543 11221 53344 12112 43315 43243 34415 42451 53315 14231 54311 52343 53534  
42444 53324 44542 13442 42241 32315 43113 31414 15333 33445 33131 51445 43443 44423 15223 44515 42333  
44211 43133 42433 15424 35223 15421 54535 34335 21521 24331 43445 42431 53145 15432 43331 24211 54345  
33131 54244 11243 35134 54112 21524 35421 15443 34321 52242 11132 43445 43213 44244 45331 55224 31314  
31515 45431 41531 24451 54214 43112 11521 42343 24423 24432 33431 31345 22111 31431 52334 34142 52444

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My dear T,

I haue much to report, yet more to explayn. I am falslie arrested in Flushing on graue charges, yet trusteth not the gouernor to reueal my true purpose. I write this note that the intelligence can be conueied to you.

My source, one Gilbert, hath reueal'd that the full details of the weapon be known to a man from far Cathay who be nowe in the Netherlands.

Parma's agent one Robrt Dyer seeketh conuersation with this gentleman. Poley hath taken leaue to frustrate such a meeting.

Gilbert hath reuealed something of the weapon yet not all. I sought from him some euidence. Yet the treacherous agent Baines interuened. He saw opportunity for riches and dennounced us to the gouernor as coiners. Whereupon we find ourselues in life's uncertain voyage.

I pray some gracious fortune will see us deliuerd safe from this hollow falsehood.

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