Challenge 6A – The lurking threat

Ciphertext  
  
KILFB WRVCZ LHJVW BGHLF IAMRV RZILF IFBCP LBKWF ILZWT IJVIK LBGIF SCMLF IWBWP LHOWH WJIKJ CKLSU SJPCG IBJZI AIBAL JRVWB GJVIK IHRFW DJWCB CNOLZ IBJWB ILBKD FCJIM HJVIS RZLWA IKJCU ILRJW BGNCF JVIGC OIFBA IBJLB KPIFI LHYWB GWNWY BIPPV IFIJC NWBKS CMJVI SRZIL FZSPI FILPL FIJVL JSCMV LKZIN JALZJ LUMJN CFJMB LJIZS VLKBC JLHNL FLHWR LBJIZ ZJFLR IKSCM VIFIJ VISPI FIACH JWBHW HJIBJ JVLJJ VISBI IKIKJ CJLZY PWJVS CMHLS WBGJV LJJVI GCOIF BAIBJ PLHCP IKLHM UHJLB JWLZH MANFC AJVII HJLJI CNSCM FMBRZ ILBKJ VLJJV ISPWH VIKJC KWHRM HHJIF AHNCF FIDLS AIBJW VLOIJ CHLSJ VLJWP LHWAD FIHHI KUSJV IWFWB GIBMW JSJVI SAWGV JIEML ZZSVL OIRZL WAIKJ CUICN NIFWB GSCML HMACP IKJCJ WUIFW MHUMJ JVIJL ZIJVI SHDMB RLFFW IKXMH JJVIF WGVJZ IOIZC NJVFI LJJCU ILZAC HJRCB OWBRW BGWKI RWDVI FIKJV IZLJI HJRVL DJIFC NSCMF MBRZI HPWZZ PWJVZ WJJZI ACFIK WNNWR MZJSJ VLBWV LKIBR CMBJI FIKPW JVJVI DFIOW CMHHI RJWCB WJPLH OIFSH WAWZL FWBHD WFWJL BKWBK IIKMH IKJVI HLAIJ LUMZL FIRJL JVCMG VJVII BRFSD JWCBL ZGCFW JVAPL HHZWG VJZSK WNNIF IBJWU IZWIO IWJWH YBCPB LHJVI UILMN CFJRW DVIFW FIRCA AIBKJ VLJSC MHJLS LPLSN FCAZC BKCBN CFLZW JJZIP VWZIM BJWZP IVLOI RCBHW KIFIK PVLJP IAMHJ KCJCD FCJIR JSCMW VLOIR CBJLR JHPVC ALSUI LUZIJ CVIZD OIFSU IHJPW HVIHR VLFZI H

Solution:

Dear Nicholas, things are much clearer now, and I realize the danger you are in. I was visited today by two gentlemen matching the description of Valentine and Proteus. They claimed to be acting for the government and were asking if I knew where to find you. They clearly were aware that you had left Malta, but fortunately had not, as far as I can tell, traced you here.   
They were most insistent that they needed to talk with you, saying that the government was owed a substantial sum from the estate of your Uncle and that they wished to discuss terms for repayment. I have to say that I was impressed by their ingenuity. They might equally have claimed to be offering you a sum owed to Tiberius, but the tale they spun carried just the right level of threat to be (almost) convincing.   
I deciphered the latest chapter of your Uncle’s will with little more difficulty than I had encountered with the previous section. It was very similar in spirit, and indeed used the same tabula recta, though the encryption algorithm was slightly different. I believe it is known as the Beaufort cipher.   
I recommend that you stay away from London for a little while, until we have considered what we must do to protect you. I have contacts who may be able to help.   
  
Very best wishes,   
  
Charles

Challenge 6B - [I saw a crime](http://www.cipher.maths.soton.ac.uk/media/com_cipher/scripts/challenge.php?number=6&part=B&ml=1)

Ciphertext  
  
IXWIF MKLOE HMRBZ FWLTQ AOQZQ WIBNH RQAAW HBRCF JAXBR CNLOL TQXBY PKCWF MGOPZ NCFMK OONNJ GRCMF KLCBY KTXXN WMSVN GIQNR BTNIN PSHZM AZXTE QFZDG JCAFF NGPNZ XQTAA TQWBM SIRGY WNLLX JGVTA DZKEZ PDWDN AMPOA OWNAG QTAJC XBOPW WAHDK DOBTP HFVXC BTPUJ WDOFE JPFXN LUEXU UXNTY GZQBB NWMQI QCVDA UATGO XDCNZ OGCKA GZQNP UGPAB RXBYK JCMTA HNJJI QAXIB SJAUN WZLDZ LNRZA MGPFH TXHRV KTGAU ABWZP YEHBY KMZQT XQQVK FWLTQ XXOPM NAZXV TZOLS JXHRQ KAARM HNOHT PBBRY FWLTQ XXFPJ MAOBS KLZXE UNOEL OJSBF VJFOL MUCKF FOMHD FVJFO QVBYK VPBPM HMHNV MNMFR WNQIQ HQNVJ ANRLD XWDGX NIGAS RCUAP RFVRR BSLHB OAAUA VDBBP MAQJR BXVMT CTUMV KTIMH UZKVT JKNRB XWPKQ NUZUR CYENR XGFTV WNQCW JGZAS BJOZQ TZVMD UGAIQ ZQUGN YXLTU MOGIN ZFQOA ETFAJ QQXJY DLMBY KMTAK PMNVZ ONKPF UAYAU EHMMS RBHRX QOVKP YWJQD VPFOL JGUAM EKQHQ LWRGY JAJBB YLOAS HTQKF KNMDX XNBNT FQCVD AKEFQ UVKPK AABAU GIJPW QCLNA XNOMS KOANC MHAXD GILTQ TOEQI QWXQA ZPIXW MOTJI XPPUS VKPPE RGOGY VNZIG ULJPK MZGMH PFPSS CNGDG XBMPA GPPKM AHCKE ITMHQ CCNGB NWRBM NGIXM HRUAT ATWIB BVMNI MAULQ PUQJD XJJPY DCYYO YLUEX ASMDY XNWRL BMFKL GHFVN IDLTQ RBNHB RSSYA ZPIQW HMXXB IISBY VKPRR MYUKO NXWTU CIRLO AXUHA XGVTS QLVNG BRHSR DDGXT EUNOC TKLNQ OGEAU AYDXC NBNZH NBJRS HTSCM WKPUE XFOAW POXSC KOGFH NABMH NOKQN BFBOI TUWIB HNMBB ZQBBA PGQPB BLQVF XABYK KTYMW QSGVT JMGDB HNXNK PRNHR CXSCD BTXIJ WMHEU YMTMT UMXNQ NZHNB KEPPG EUNVD FJLJG SIRGY XWYFW NWZWH QCNTX UEHMM AGQUW OCLXN AUEHB YKEPF IWUQA EXNKP RBBOA UAEUO HNBBI FMDVD CDITQ OKJBB IASOG FP

Plaintext  
  
The machinations of the Fabulists had been exposed to me in the intercept I decrypted for Room Forty. They were intent on developing cruel weapons capable of demoralizing and injuring large numbers of enemy soldiers in defiance of all natural laws of warfare.   
  
I had already been exposed to the horror of modern conflict and their plans filled me with revulsion, but I could not have guessed at the full depth of their depravity until I had read the full text of their message, which was an invitation to a demonstration of the weapon. They proposed to test it on Prisoners of War held at a camp near the French border which at that stage was under VERONA guard, and I imagined, since it was difficult to believe that all of VERONA were privy to the Fabulists’ foul plot, that it was under the direct control of Proteus and Valentine.   
  
In my horror I resolved to travel there at full speed determined to confront them and to expose their vile plan. The majority of soldiers, both commissioned officers and enlisted men, are decent honourable men who would be horrified by what I had uncovered. Unfortunately the one man I chose to entrust with the knowledge I had gained, a young lieutenant colonel, was a partner in the crimes of the Fabulists. He had proven his valour at the Front, and like me he had been revolted by what he had seen. I was sure he would share my revulsion, but his hatred of the enemy was too strong and he was excited by what I told him, sure that the new weapon would end the war. He saw victory where I saw a crime.