men have lost their lives from this very cause in past wars.
A system which is very simple to apply and yet impossible to
decipher would be of incalculable value to any nation in time
of crisis.

Doubtless by this time you are thinking that there
are many cranks who believe that they have invented something
as remarkable as that to which I have alluded, and that this
is just another such. My history and background should be
sufficient to dispel any such fear. A member of Phi Beta Kappa,
Master of Arts degree from Princeton University in Philology,
Ph.D. in Oriental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania,
now President and Professor of Old Testament in Faith Theologi-
cal Seminary -- such a history as this is not found on the part
of a crank, or a mere theorist. Furthermore, the actualities
of my claim should be fairly easy to prove. I enclose herewith
the first two sentences from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, writ-
ten in accordance with the method which I have invented. I en-
close also a list of the number of occurrences of each letter,
both in the plain message and in the cipher, since the making
of such a list would be the first step taken by any crypto-
grapher in attempting to decipher it. If you will place this
letter before the best experts you have under you, I am sure
they will soon discover that there is no relationship between
the two lists which is explicable to them on any known system
or any which they can discover. If it would be possible at all
to decipher a message whose meaning was not known to the deci-
pherer, certainly it should be easy for an expert in this field
to work out the system with the meaning already given, as in
this instance. The impossibility of doing so can be easily
ascertained. The expert will doubtless tell you that the sen-
tence which I have given is simply a lot of "gibberish" with no
relation to the sentence from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
This conclusion, however, can be readily disproved. It will be
necessary first for me to reveal the method to someone in whom
I have confidence. Then this person can be put in one room and
I in another. Each of us can be given a message. Each of us
can quickly put this message into code according to my system,
the message can be taken by one of your representatives from
each of us to the other, and the other can quickly decipher it.
Thus we can readily demonstrate the fact that it is a system
which is easy to use, which lacks complications or other diffi-
culties, and yet which is impossible for a third party to work
out.

To any nation at war, the possession of this method
of communication would be worth more than several battleships.
Yet I am willing to sell it to the Government of my own country
for a mere fraction of the cost of one capital ship. I know
that many times this amount would readily be given by almost
any one of the warring nations to obtain such an instrument.
However, I naturally prefer to offer my discovery first to my
own country. I am a busy man and do not have time to make