

**HONS 195N: CRYPTOGRAPHY
HOMEWORK # 5**

Write a 1–2 page response essay on the Zimmermann note. Some questions you might like to address include:

How were messages encrypted during World War I? Were these methods secure?

Why was the US reluctant to enter World War I?

What did the Zimmermann note contain? Why not send this message through secret methods rather than telegram?

Why did Germany decide to begin unrestricted submarine warfare in February 1917?

What would have happened if Room 40 had failed and was unable to produce a partial decryption of the Zimmermann note?