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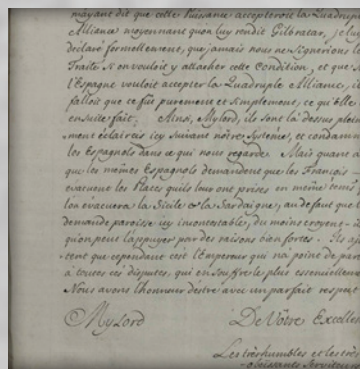
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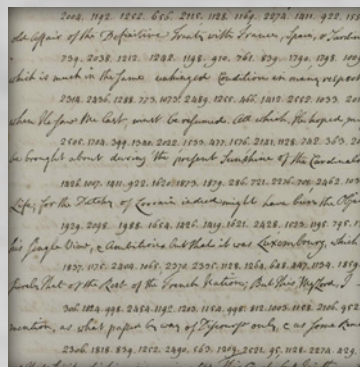
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End of a joint letter report written in French from Earl Cadogan and the Swiss, François Pesme de Saint Saphorin, both ambassadors for George I, Vienna 15 May 1720.



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Page in cypher of letter from Thomas Robinson, diplomat in Vienna to Rt Hon. Lord Harrington, Secretary of State, 28 May 1738 discussing the Emperor getting out of the war.



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Map of Silesia marked up in 1741 during the negotiations with Frederick II of Prussia and sent to Robinson with the negotiating points by Philippe de Sizendorf on behalf of Maria Theresa of Austria.

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