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Q. The most brilliant intelligence coup of World War II was engineered by the British who intercepted and deciphered top secret German orders. The cryptographers were based in Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, and they have been written about in "The Ultra Secret" by F. W. Winterbotham. My questions concern the Americans in that ace intelligence outfit who were not mentioned in the book. How many and who were they?—Albert Kahn, Staten Island, N.Y.

A. There were about 100 Americans in the "Ultra" intelligence group, among them Al Friendly of The Washington Post, Telford Taylor of Columbia University, Frederick Hilles of Yale, Samuel Mckee, William Bundy, Landis Gores, Curt Zimansky, Adolph Rosengarten, David Blair, many others who were divided between the intelligence and technical fields. The Americans played a significant role and made a significant contribution in the "Ultra" operation, and why Englishman Winterbotham excluded them from his book is a puzzling question.