January 29, 1862 US War Department

Colonel Andrew Shogren 4th Brigade, Florida Region

Colonel,
Word has reached this department of an advanced cannon design that if in the hands of the Confederates, could have an unfavorable effect on the outcome of this war. The plans are believed to be located within your reach. In the Civilian own south of your camp, make contact with our Federal agent to learn the whereabouts of these plans. Take as many men as needed to penetrate the Confederate lines.

Colonel Shogren, you must be successful. Proceed with haste and may God be with you.

With Honor and for a United Country, I am your servant,

Edwin Stanton Secretary of War January 28, 1862

Agent Benson,

You have been entrusted to provide this map to Colonel Andrew Shogren,

commander of the 9th Brigade, at your earliest opportunity. This is of utmost importance.

Confidentially submitted,

LEGEND 1) US Camp 1 2) Civilian Town 3) CSA Camp 4) Location of Haversack 3 (Next to water line and yellow pole)

January 29, 1862

Colonel Shogren,

A breach has occurred and the package has been relocated to the location shown on the enclosed map. Go with haste, Sir, and watch your flanks. You must go through and behind Confederate lines. Good luck and God Speed.

Agent Benson

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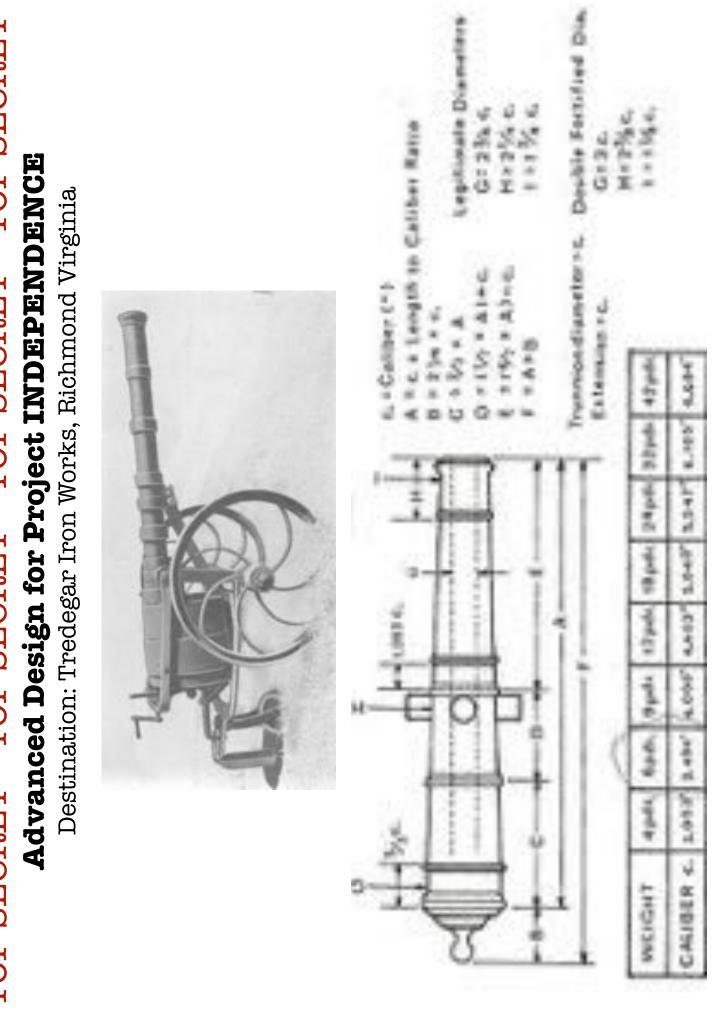
January 5, 1862 1 3 4 (75 paces north of road along fence line) January 29, 1862

Colonel Shogren,

If you are reading this, Sir, you have successfully retrieved the package. You must now return it to the US Camp to achieve total success. Be careful, Colonel, you are behind Confederate lines. God Speed.

Agent Benson

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Destination: Tredegar Iron Works, Richmond Virginia

