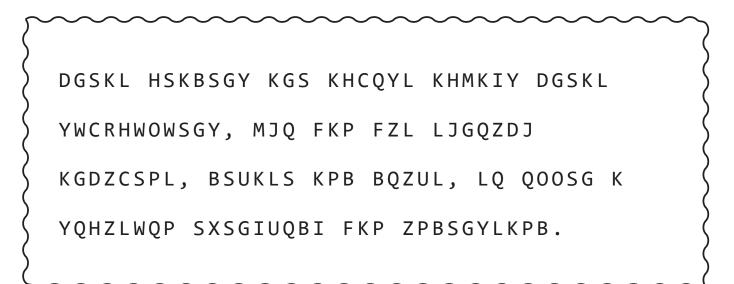# Colin Powell
(b. 1937)

CRYPTOGRAMS: Here are two quotes from Colin Powell, the retired four-star general who served as Secretary of State (2001-2005), under President George W. Bush. Each distinct letter in the original phrase has been substituted with another letter from the alphabet. The two cryptograms must be solved separately. If you get stuck, turn the paper upside down and look at the clue(s).

JK BED RIM TEJQT VE RPUJMZM MYPMNNMQPM

JQ AJT VUJQTL, BED WMZMNEH VUM URAJV JQ

NJVVNM XRVVMIL. MYPMNNMQPM JL QEV RQ

MYPMHVJEQ, JV JL R HIMZRJNJQT RVVJVDWM.

I = C

DGSKL HSKBSGY KGS KHCQYL KHMKIY DGSKL

YWCRHWOWSGY, MJQ FKP FZL LJGQZDJ

KGDZCSPL, BSUKLS KPB BQZUL, LQ QOOSG K

YQHZLWQP SXSGIUQBI FKP ZPBSGYLKPB.

S = Y

Colin Powell

SOLUTION

IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE
JK BED RIM TEJQT VE RPUJMZM MYPMNNMQPM

IN BIG THINGS, YOU DEVELOP THE HABIT IN
JQ AJT VUJQTL, BED WMZMNEH VUM URAJV JQ

LITTLE MATTERS. EXCELLENCE IS NOT AN
NJVVNM XRVVMIL. MYPMNNMQPM JL QEV RQ

EXCEPTION, IT IS A PREVAILING ATTITUDE.
MYPMHVJEQ, JV JL R HIMZRJNJQT RVVJVDWM.

GREAT LEADERS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS GREAT
DGSKL HSKBSGY KGS KHCQYL KHMKIY DGSKL

SIMPLIFIERS, WHO CAN CUT THROUGH
YWCRHWOWSGY, MJQ FKP FZL LJGQZDJ

ARGUMENT, DEBATE AND DOUBT, TO OFFER A
KGDZCSPL, BSUKLS KPB BQZUL, LQ QOOSG K

SOLUTION EVERYBODY CAN UNDERSTAND.
YQHZLWQP SXSGIUQBI FKP ZPBSGYLKPB.