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Eight Oscar nominations, including for the Best Motion Picture of the Year, Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role for Benedict Cumberbatch, and Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role for Keira Knightley. I congratulate the British film industry on The Imitation Game - another outstanding, world-class production.

There is no doubt that the film has done wonders for bringing to the popular attention worldwide the significance of the work carried out at Bletchley Park by thousands of people throughout the war, day in, day out, in complete secrecy. However, while bearing in mind that the film is, ultimately, a work of fiction, and many simplifications had to be made in order to fit the storyline, within the screen time available, I cannot help but feel disappointed that the Polish contribution to breaking the Enigma code was not more prominently highlighted. Marian Rejewski, Jerzy Różycki and Henryk Zygalski, three brilliant Polish mathematicians, must be credited with the first breaking of the Enigma codes...

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