

11 May 1945

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Dr. Basil Manly  
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Dear Dr. Manly:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 8.

I knew that John had written a couple of papers about Poe, but I have never seen them. I would be very glad to see them in view of the fact that an article of mine on Poe was published a number of years ago in American Literature, and more recently another article by a chap at Princeton also about Poe as a cryptographer appeared in some other literary journal.

I am quite sure that neither of John's articles has been published because I am quite familiar with the literature and I would have come across them.

I am sorry that you did not find anything in the way of an article about Jefferson's device, because that is really what I had hoped would turn up.

If you send me the Poe articles, I will take good care of them and see that you get them back.

Reciprocating your greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

I have looked through the box of John's papers and find only two articles relating to ciphers. One is a 6-page article - "What Did Poe Know About Cryptography?". The other is a 24-page article "Edgar Poe As Cipher Expert."

I am not sure whether either of these articles has been published. If you would like to see them, let me know and I will be glad to lend them to you.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Basil Manly*

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