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Mr. F. Ronald Mansbridge
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Dear Mr. Mansbridge:

It has occurred to us that in view of the fact that our manuscript deals with a rather unusual and often quite complex technical subject we should have sent you along with the manuscript at least a modicum of information about our experience in the cryptologic field so that you and the members of the Editorial Board of the Cambridge University Press may form some judgment as to our technical competence to assess the cryptologic validity of the various attempts to prove non-Shakespearean authorship of the Plays which Elizabethan scholars say were written by William Shakespeare.

It is probably not too late to send you the inclosed data. I should add that use of such data so far as concerns me has not yet been cleared with my department, but this matter can be taken up at a later date in case our manuscript is found acceptable.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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