

## MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

Attention: Chief, Training Division

1. Accompanying this memorandum is a carbon copy of the manuscript of a book entitled "Author!" "Author!", written during my own leisure hours at home and with my wife, Elizabeth S. Friedman as co-author. The book deals with the various cryptographic systems which have been devised or employed in attempts to "prove" non-Shakespearean authorship of the Shakespeare Plays. Because of the nature of certain parts of the work, especially Chapter II, I am submitting the manuscript for security clearance.

2. At the same time that the manuscript is being examined for the foregoing purpose it would be much appreciated if typographic, grammatical, or other errors would be noted. Comments on points that are obscure or could be better explained would also be much appreciated.

3. If and when the manuscript is to be published, I will submit before publication the text of what will be said on the dust jacket as to the authors and the contents.

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