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Dear Mr. Wright:

I am grateful to you for the time you took to write me your interesting and detailed letter dated 26 April 1954. It appears that you went to a great deal of trouble to prepare something especially for me, when I had in mind only that you might send me a copy of a lecture you were scheduled to deliver before the Bacon Society.

Please be assured that I have read your letter with care, but I hope you will not be disappointed if I tell you sincerely that I am fully aware of all you included in your letter and its accompanying synopsis of your proposed lecture.

In a few weeks from now I hope a manuscript which is now practically completed will be accepted for publication by some university press. The work deals with certain of the cryptographic systems and devices which have played important roles in endeavors to answer the question of the authorship of the Shakespearean Works. Mrs. Gallup's work employing Francis Bacon's Biliteral Cipher is given quite detailed treatment therein, because it is the best of the ciphers brought to bear on the question and because it happens that my knowledge of Mrs. Gallup and her decipherments goes a long way back in time - to 1915, indeed.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am,

Sincerely,

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