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Dear Dr. Oliver:

I can't tell you how pleased I was to receive your letter, with its interesting and most welcome inclosure. The little opus, while it may not be rare, is certainly not to be found in many libraries or collections. It does appear, however, in Dr. Galland's excellent work, An historical and analytical bibliography of the literature of cryptology, published in 1945 by the Northwestern University Press.

By the way, the late Dr. Galland was brother-in-law to Dr. Burton Milligan, one of your colleagues, no doubt, in the Department of English at Urbana. Do you know him? If so, please give him a greeting and tell him I hope our book on Shakespeare-Bacon cryptography will soon be published. The Cambridge University Press is interested. Dr. Milligan may be interested because we made good use of Dr. Galland's unpublished bibliography of items on the Shakespeare-Bacon Controversy. It was through Dr. Milligan's courtesy that I received a carbon copy of the manuscript of the bibliography.

By all means look me up the next time you come this way. It would indeed be a pleasure to renew acquaintance. We bought and restored an old house right near the Library of Congress and the Folger Shakespeare Library. I have a very nice study in our new home in which my collection occupies the most prominent place. Incidentally, the collection is bequeathed, in my latest will, to the Library of Congress.

We are interested in recruiting people of a certain type-- so let me know of any likely prospects you may have in mind.

Thanking you very much for your fine contribution to my collection, and with cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN