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Dr. Louis B. Wright
Director
The Folger Shakespeare Library
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Wright:

Accompanying this letter is a book-length manuscript which we hereby submit in the competition for the \$1,000 prize announced in the October 1953 issue of the Report from the Folger Library. It is our understanding that the closing date for entries in the competition is 1 February 1955. Our manuscript, entitled Author! Author!, deals with the authorship of the Shakespeare Plays and endeavors to answer certain questions of a cryptographic nature which have troubled Shakespeare scholars for many years. A substantial portion of the research involved in the preparation of our manuscript was carried on in the Folger Library.

We informed you some months ago that Mr. Mansbridge, New York manager of the Cambridge University Press, having asked, in May 1953, that on completion of our manuscript we submit it to that Press for consideration for publication, we agreed to do so. Accordingly, a copy of the manuscript was sent to Mr. Mansbridge on 31 December 1954. In forwarding it we advised him that we were also entering it in the Folger Shakespeare Library competition mentioned above, and that, in submitting the manuscript for entry in the competition, we would make it clear that our acceptance of any award or prize, should the manuscript be deemed worthy of such recognition, would have to be contingent upon our being able to retain full copyrights in the material submitted. It is with this understanding, therefore, that we submit the manuscript in the competition.

We trust that our manuscript will be of interest to the Folger Library and that it will be considered to constitute a genuine contribution to Shakespearean studies.

Sincerely,

Incl:
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