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Dear Dudley:

The package of books and your letter of 3 September arrived, much to my delight. But you failed to give me any indication as to the amount of sterling I owe you, not an insignificant quantity, I'm sure. Please do let me know and I'll either manage a reimbursement in sterling or will set-up a dollar credit here, against which you can draw next time you're with us.

About the Baconians and their antics in the cryptographic field -- I've been collecting material for a knockout blow, which I hope to publish some time soon. As a matter of fact, I gave a 2-hour talk before the members and guests of the Folger Shakespeare Library a couple of years ago, and the people there were most insistent that I do the thing up in book form. Every once in a while they needle me about it, too, so I guess I'll have to get busy on assembling the results of my study of a rather large quantity of data.

Thank you very much for your courtesy in gathering the items I requested.

Looking forward to seeing you again soon (there is a possibility of my visiting you this autumn) and with cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

OFFICES OF THE CYPHER POLICY BOARD,

C/o ROOM ~~12~~ 9,

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3rd September, 1951.

Dear Bill,

At long last I have managed to get for you from the Bacon Society the books and pamphlets you asked for and enclose them herewith:-

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- (i) "The Bi-Lateral Cypher of Francis Bacon". By E.D. Johnson.
 - (ii) "Francis Bacon's Cypher Signatures". By E.D. Johnson.
 - (iii) "Shakespearean Acrostics". By E.D. Johnson.
 - (iv) "Francis Bacon Concealed and Revealed: Bacon's Secret Signatures in his unacknowledged works". By Bertram G. Theobald.
 - (v) "Bacon is Shakespeare". By Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence.
 - (vi) "Un Probleme de Cryptographie et d'Histoire". By General Cartier (4th Edition)
 - (vii) "A Cypher within a Cypher: An elementary lesson in the Bi-literal Cypher." By Henry Seymour.
 - (viii) "BACONIANA Vol. XXXIV, 65th Year 1950, No. 137.

They apologised for the rather dog-eared state of items 5 and 7 above but they are out of print and these are odd copies which they dug out for me.

I regret to say that owing to the present pressure of work I have been unable to nose into this mass of curious fact and fancy but I really feel that the time has come for someone to straighten out the Bacon Cypher Story - perhaps you are contemplating taking on the task - I have always felt that the Baconians are their own worst enemies.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Friedman. I am looking forward to seeing you again in the not too distant future.

Yours very sincerely,

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Smith, R.D.