

25 September 1956

Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
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Dear Boris:

I have two letters from you awaiting reply.

First comes your letter of 15 August, in which you gave me general news about the two daughters and their children who were visiting you and Annie in Sweden. We have talked with Ingrid on the telephone since her return and found that she as well as Margareta and all the children very much enjoyed the visit.

I had written you that my health had improved and that we were again thinking about making our visit to Europe, but we have not yet reached the planning stage. It is true that I am very much better but still I have things to contend with; also I have not discussed with my doctors the idea of going away for some time. In any case, your promptly extended and very cordial invitation to visit with you and Annie in Zug is much appreciated by both of us. I can say that our visit to Europe would not be complete if we did not spend a little time with Annie and you.

Now I come to your letter of 27 August. In it I note that you had received two letters from Barlow and last evening I saw him at a party at which time he told me that he recently received one from you. He also said that the present arrangement is that he will come to visit you in November, I think he said early in November. I hope that as a result of his visit things which are unclear to both sides will be clarified. This reminds me that I failed to chide Barlow last evening for reporting to you on an incident that seems to have become international in its scope. But there has been, and very probably there will be, no change in the placement of the portrait of the beautiful and quite nude girl that adorns the wall facing my desk.

I thank you for your information concerning Siemens and I am sure that in your discussions with Barlow anything new along that line will be developed.

I have no particular news to report about ourselves except one or two items which you may find of interest. I do not think that I wrote you that our son, John, accepted a very good offer from Bell Aircraft Company and is now residing in Buffalo with his family. He telephoned last night to give me greetings on my 65th birthday. He likes his new situation very much; he is Assistant Director of their motion picture division and is in a field in which he has taken much interest for several years.

Elizebeth and I have been fairly busy going over the revised manuscript of our book on the Shakespeare authorship question. The manuscript is much shorter now, and there is a possibility that it will have a much more popular appeal than before, when it was so much more detailed in its treatment of the subject.

The cataloging of my library is practically complete. I found this job much more laborious and time consuming than I ever imagined it was going to be. This was largely because I didn't really know how many thousands of items I had in the Collection. On many of these items I could write interesting comments, and maybe I will, as I continue to improve. But truth to tell, I am unable to work more than about 5 hours a day, since I have my breakfast about 9 o'clock and have to lie down for at least an hour in the middle of the day. Also I have frequently gone to Ft. McNair to swing a golf club an hour or so on fine days, and this, too, cuts into the number of hours I can devote to desk work. A good deal of the time I feel under pressure because there is much to do and not very much time and energy available to me at present.

I have been holding a clipping to send to you about your late friend "Revolver Harry" concerning whose exploits you have told me several times. I suppose you already have a copy of his book, but if not and you want me to buy you a copy I will be glad to do so and will send it over with Barlow.

Last Sunday Elizebeth and I made our first visit to Edith and Bo to see them and the children, and also see their new house. We found everybody well and we also found the house very nice. I think that they are going to enjoy living there, even though it might be at the moment rather uncrowded in the vicinity. The twins certainly remembered me but the third little girl had only a hazy recollection of me. She has grown a lot. The little boy, of course, is quite chubby and I think he is going to turn out to be a big man.

With affectionate greetings to Annie and you, I am,

Sincerely,