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424 North George Mason Drive Arlington, Virginia 1 June 1950

Mr. Walter C. Arensberg 7061 Hillside Avenue Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Arensberg:

Through your generosity and the courtesy of our mutual friend, Grant Manson, I find myself the fortunate possessor of the very interesting and quite beautiful brochurs of the Arensberg Collection which was on exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute a few months ago. I am writing you promptly to convey my thanks for your kindness and for the greetings sent through Grant. It is nice of you to remember me after so many years.

Grant also indicated that you wished some suggestions from me as to the names of persons who might be interested in and qualified to continue your researches in the attempt to prove by cryptography the Baconian authorship of Shakespeare's works. If you would give me some idea as to where your researches have led you or as to where the project now stands, what results you have achieved, etc., I will try my best to be of assistance. Any recent publications, say later than 1935?

Lo you come Fast these days at all and, if so, do you ever stop off in Washington? It would be so nice to see you and renew your acquaintance.

With many thanks and most cordial greetings to you and Mrs. Arenaberg, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN