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Mr. R. Dudley Smith, Cdr. R.N. (Ret.)
 Offices of the Cypher Policy Board
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 Foreign Office, S.W. 1

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,

W.F. FRIEDMAN