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Mr. J. F. Byrne 1114 New York Avenue Brooklyn 3, New York

Dear Mr. Byrne:

The story in TIME magazine was not exactly correct: we never intended to prove, nor have we proved by cryptanalysis, that the works of Shakespeare were written by Shakespeare.

Our book entitled Shakespearean Ciphers

Examined is now in the process of publication
by the Cambridge University Press. We hope that
it will be available in the forthcoming Autumn.

I do remember you very well - and the remembrance was rekindled by my reading The Silent Years. I never did figure out why you put in that book the completely extraneous matter of ciphers when you had so much of interest to tell about Joyce.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN