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13 May 1944.

Mr. Joseph M. Feely,  
295 Maplewood Avenue,  
Rochester 13, New York.

Dear Mr. Feely:

Receipt of your letter of May 9 is acknowledged.

Your little study entitled "Roger Bacon's Cypher" was received, but not a copy of your latest study in the Shakespearean field. I presume that the latter will arrive in due course.

It is very good of you to remember me and to present me with complimentary copies of your work, and I assure you of my appreciation of your courtesy despite the fact that I am not prepared to accept your findings without a good deal more study than I can give them at the moment.

I took time last night after I retired to read through your study on "Roger Bacon's Cypher" and regret to say that I am not impressed too much by the validity of your method. I think that you have left the way wide open for any other interpretations equally valid.

I am sure that our Station Library would like to have copies of your works if you care to make a present of a set. In case you find this possible, I suggest you address the package to me at the address indicated below.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Address:  
Signal Corps Mail Room,  
Room 3C 340,  
The Pentagon,  
Washington 25, D. C.

William F. Friedman,  
Director of Communications  
Research.

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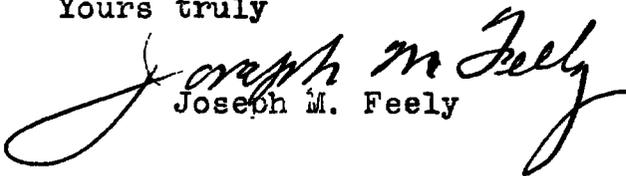
My Dear Colonel Friedman:

Amid your war work you may find a "postman's holiday" in reading my latest, the "Roger Bacon's Cypher", a complimentary copy of which is being mailed you today, together with a like copy of my latest in the Shakespearean field, entitled "A Cypher Idyll, anent the Little Western Flower".

Although the latter runs through the passage where Puck is to put a girdle about the earth in forty minutes, the outcome is a sort of "sparking" that does not commonly pass as electrical, nor find an official place in the Signal Corps.

As these are limited editions they might not come to your attention through the ordinary channels, so I hope you will not think I am intruding in inviting you to ride one of my hobbies.

Yours truly

  
Joseph M. Feely

May, 9th, 1944.