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Lord Watson of Richmond CBE  
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Dear Lord Watson:

My good friends, Alyce and Norman Tregenza, have told me that you might be able to help me in my forthcoming trip to England. I will be attending a Marlowe Conference in Canterbury from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> where I will introduce my new book on the Shakespeare authorship question, *The Marlowe-Shakespeare Connection*.

I believe that Alyce and Norman told you about the book, which took seven years to research and write. It is being published by McFarland Publishing Co. and will be available in the late summer. I will send you a copy when it is available.

I will be arriving at Heathrow on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and wondered if you can advise me on how to get to Canterbury from the airport.

By the way, both you and Christopher Marlowe have something important in common: you are both graduates of Cambridge University. I'm sure you know that Marlowe's friends, Sir Walter Raleigh and his circle were instrumental in getting England to colonize Virginia, which Raleigh named after the Queen. I write a column for World Net Daily and would like to review your book about the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, *Jamestown: The Voyage of English*. Could you have a copy sent to me?

Which brings me to another subject of common interest. Before writing about Marlowe and Shakespeare, I have spent the last thirty years trying to improve literacy not only in America, but in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. My reading program, *Alpha-Phonics*, can be used to teach the world to read English. In fact, several Chinese colleagues and I have been working on a Chinese adaptation of my program. Since it can be easily adapted to other languages, I believe that the English Speaking Union could make good use of such a program. May I send you a copy?

Many thanks, in advance, for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Administrator:

Enclosed is a brochure about my new book, *The Marlowe-Shakespeare Connection*, which is being published by McFarland Publishing Company of Jefferson, North Carolina, and will be available in the early fall.

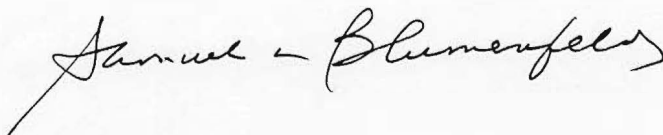
I believe that this book fulfills the purpose of Calvin Hoffman's legacy, which is to encourage the writing of works that will prove beyond a reasonable doubt that it was Christopher Marlowe who wrote the plays and poems attributed to William Shakespéare.

Were he alive today, Mr. Hoffman would be very pleased with *The Marlowe-Shakespeare Connection* since it corroborates the basic premise of his own book, *The Murder of the Man Who Was Shakespeare*. It was I who published that book in a paperback edition when I was editor of the Universal Library at Grosset & Dunlap in New York.

As you may recall, I submitted a lengthy essay on this thesis to the Hoffman Prize Administrator in August of 2006, but was not awarded the prize. Nevertheless, I proceeded to complete the book and found a publisher willing and eager to publish it. I believe that I am now eminently eligible for the Hoffman prize for this work, which took seven years of arduous research and writing to complete.

Would you like me to send you proofs of the book? Finished copies won't be ready for several months.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel L. Blumenfeld". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Samuel L. Blumenfeld".