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Mr. Jan Kindler
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Dear Jan:

Many thanks for your letter.

I would like Malley, Spangled Unicorn, From India to the Planet Mars, any Mu books you have, and of course any postage stamps which were in the nature of hoaxes.

But Blair's Ossian might be termed a forgery, but I doubt it was a hoax because he didn't do it for fun. I can't be sure where a hoax ends and a forgery or what you will begin. What say you? Any definition is most useful, for if we accept O.E.D. we shan't have a very big show.

Certainly anything in the Bacon-Shakespeare vein is out unless we have something pulling the legs of the B-S fanatics.

Keep everything until I give the word.

All the best & many thanks,

Bill

PWF/nfp

P. W. FILBY

- 1 - From India to Mars was not a hoax, I think, but sincere
- 2 - The Mu books are only putatively hoaxes
- 3 - A hoax is any attempt to put me over (to pass something that did not exist off as genuine.)
A forgery is a copy
Wise's pre-firsts are hoaxes, not forgeries
Ossian

Materially, it often imitates something that is genuine. It is more than a joke

- 1 - Practical Jokes, put-ons, leg-pulls
- 2 - Hoaxes (which can be money-seeking swindles) Hungarian
Crown.
- 3 - Counterfeits

All 3 overlap -