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To: Frances Collins, General Counsel, Random House  
From: P.V. Dogberry  
Re: Arthur Phillips/Lost Shakespeare Play  
January 18, 2010

Dear Ms. Collins,

This office has surveilled subject of said investigation regarding the matter of the stolen play by the alleged William Shakespeare, purloined from your possession by the alleged subject.

The subject, your Mr. Arthur Phillips, has maintained a surface of seeming normal behavior, although keeping in mind that this is only by the standard of normal for a novelist, which, in this office's experience demonstrates a very deviant sort of lifestyle.

As far as we are able to ascertain, he keeps the item, the alleged play by your Mr. Shakespeare, in a box on his kitchen table in his apartment in Minneapolis. The box is camouflaged but in no other way secured, and our trained operatives are confident that they can enter Mr. Phillips premises, secure the item using subtlety, and remove themselves from premises in conclusion without any sign of their intrusion. (Except that the play will be gone when the subject returns to his domicile residence home.) Of course, we can also address the problem of Mr. Phillips with more, shall we say, *permanent methods* if Random House feels that's the only way to settle the difficulties that he has caused for your company. We await your instructions on this matter.

As to your other question which we have pursued as part of this case, we are unable to get an agent close enough to Ms. Winfrey to determine what books are currently on her nightstand.

Awaiting your further instructions,

P.V. Dogberry

I say do it.  
Waiting for approval  
from corporate