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JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

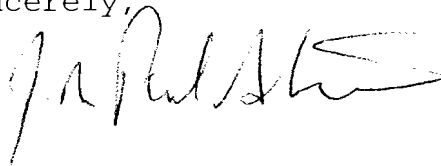
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Mr. Paul Streititz
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Dear Mr. Streititz:

Thank you for sending me a copy of "Oxford", a most interesting and impressive piece of work. Although I learned a great deal from it, and find your central thesis fascinating, it seems unlikely to me that so many people have been mistaken about the date of Edward de Vere's birth. You do, however, provide strong additional evidence supporting the Oxfordian position on the authorship issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Paul Stevens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.