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Dear Counterstamp Enthusiast,

I write to you today, as a humbled man with a deeply troubled mind. One of the hardest things in life is to admit you were wrong. The bigger the mistake, the more difficult it is. Some months ago, I wrote a vigorous denial in regard to accusations that I was the reincarnation of the infamous Professor Moriarty. I went so far as to label such talk as "absurd fantasy" and "ugly slander". But more and more, I now suspect it is likely true. I doubt you can imagine how distressful such a realization truly is, and what a toll it has taken on my conscience.

After coming to grips with the situation, my thoughts then turned to what could be done about it. But how can one atone for a lifetime (perhaps many lifetimes) of dastardly deeds? Mr Holmes himself called me "The Napoleon of Crime" and opined that I was "the organizer of half that is evil and of nearly all that is undetected in this great city". Clearly only a monumental form of punishment would be appropriate in this instance.

An idea occurred to me. I should buy a one-way ticket to Switzerland, make my way to the top of Reichenbach Falls, and hurl myself into the abyss. A fitting end to such a despicable existence. Oh, but wait. That would only hasten the recycling of this particular evil soul into some future innocent victim. Aarrghh, there's no way out of this wicked conundrum from Hell !

It appears that I am condemned to bear this awful burden for the rest of my days. My only consolation is the firm conviction that I must stand as the last bastion of civility against total worldwide anarchy.

Now, it seems to me that numismatists generally are honorable, law-abiding folks that might be sympathetic to my plight. If you feel compelled to help, I suggest you pick out a worthy recipient (not me of course), and gift them a special coin from your collection. Such an outpouring of good karma will surely encourage me in my herculean struggle.

*The QuarterMaster*

PS: Included with this letter is a Connecticut statehood quarter counterstamped with a completely random message that has nothing to do with this discussion.