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Dear Bud,

Sorry, but I do not know the real identity of "Lincoln Lawrence." *
This joker phoned me several times, first in July 1967 and then on a few subsequent occasions every four or five months, asking me various general questions--what did I think of Garrison? what did I know about Jim Bishop's book? had I seen this or that magazine article?

I tried to persuade him to tell me his real name, casually at first and then with increasing insistence, but he would only say that at some vague future time we would "have a drink" and he would tell me. Finally I lost patience and told him that I was not willing to talk to someone who persisted in concealing his identity while expecting me to be forthcoming on any subject he raised. He never called again after that.

Nor do I feel any regret about it. I feel sure that he had no intention of telling me who he was, at any time, and there was no reason to let him go on picking my brain. He is not (in my opinion) a serious researcher but an opportunist with a gimmick and possibly a mischief-maker.

One person who might know, or might be able to find out, who "Lincoln Lawrence" is in real life is Paris Flammonde, through his connection with a radio talk-show on which "Lawrence" appeared to promote his book when it came out. If you ever learn his identity, I would like very much to know who he is.

Regards,

Sincerely,

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* Later learned
he is Art Ford
former disc-jockey