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cc: Sylvia

August 25, 1979

Dear Jeff,

Bob Ranftel and I called Jim Kostman today - actually, we called his parents, and since he was there (to our ~~relief~~ relief) we talked to him for about 15 minutes.

This was the first time either of us had talked with him since his last round of troubles began, so the conversation was a bit guarded. Jim sounded pretty good, was obviously pleased to hear from us, and asked that we stay in ~~a~~ touch.

He's ~~xxx~~ reading the HSC stuff; finds it interesting, but not all that interesting. (Which is better than finding it too interesting, I guess.) He said the hospitals hadn't helped him that much, and that he was a bit bored.

He said he is working on indexing the organized crime volume, but has doubts about its usefulness, since a lot of names come up just ~~one~~ once, in lists. I mentioned my idea (as per the 8/25 newsletter) for a chronological witness list, which can be done for each volume and the report; it's a more manageable project. Jim sounded interested.

Jim said he had spoken to Sylvia about the indexing - it wasn't clear how recently this was - and understands her concern about duplication of effort. Sylvia, maybe you'll want to call ~~him~~ him again? (His parents' number is 215-642-7093.)

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul*

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