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Dear Lou,

You clever, clever, CLEVER people!

I have just doped out why you have a "CONFIDENTIAL" stamp.

It is a code!

It really means for wholesale distribution beginning to the west of the Great Divide and going eastward to the Atlantic.

If and when I see a "SECRET" stamp, I think I'll know it advance what it will mean: It will be the secret file designation of your overall radio and TV list.

Joke, for you alone.

Also for you only is the enclosed copy of what you will recognize as an unmailed, unpostmarked envelope from James Bond incognito (especially in Playboy Clubs) to one also-incognito E.J. Gerstner. You can readily see how "confidential" it is!

Why, prithee, was he ~~xxxx~~ who would so have delighted Fleming had that author survived to meet him, making photocopies of unmailed covers, which seems to be the case?

It is important that you keep this to yourself for with the blabbing that is pandemic down there it might, otherwise, get back to the source, who does not know that I have this and would not be at all happy if it did.

With the proper amount of quiet we might learn a little more, if there is any significance.

The deformity was the kind and thoughtful touch of my aged and still aging Thermofax, no doubt intending to remind Jim of the consumption of secret files by its relatives in the State Department. Only I was watching, knowing as I do about the State Department.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg