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Dear both,

If I haven't explained earlier, the yellow side of this paper is not indicative of any spookery, as one somewhat paranoid friend asked, but is its special character. I was given an entire case of it. It is for the Ozalid copying machine and is out of date.

Relet 8: I have the RH unabridged. A friend checked a Webster and will be checking the multi-volume Oxford. Thus I presume I'm aware of the meanings you suggest for "constable", including what can be taken as reference to Teddy. There are others that might interest you, if I have not already indicated them, esp. magister.

The copy you sent is precise, including the proper relationships where there are indentations. I have checked it. I'm out of 3M paper, and yesterday and the day before I did succeed in shaking 3Ms up a bit and they now promise instant delivery of a six-week-overdue order. Alas, I must await the last minute before reordering. When it comes I'll make copies of the several issues of Innovator I have. I think it would be better if you rather than I considered the possible relevance of these. They are pseudo-fascist in character, contain much on violence, etc., and date to the Commission period. You realize that such checks can help establish innocence as well as potential guilt.

The Sane clue is fascinating. I have wondered if there could be something in the history of one of her children (I know of but the two born during her marriage) that might have significance.

I was aware of the fact that "horse" is one of the slang refs to heroin. Can any of the other words have any drug significance? Rockville is the county seat of Montgomery County, once known as Washington's bedroom, the first county to which there was a large exodus of white middle-class. It has a very large drug problem, largely from the disaffected of this middle-class.

I had not noted the four references to stone and sand. Can you offer any significance? I had wondered if "hashed" could have the intended meaning of hashhish.

Disagree with Jean's suggestion that R.S.P. omitted the "V". More inclined to wonder if it was intended to be said aloud, in which case it would be close to "recipe". Note this with lines 7-10 that follow. If you can come up with a good potential meaning for "Ockie" you will have addressed one of the major conundrums. The closest I have come is to wondering if, like the nickname ZZZZ "Ozzie" for Oswald it could be a contraction of (Francis Parker) Yockey, author of the Amer. Mein Kampf, Imperium. I've asked for check in San Francisco, where he died in jail after visit from Willis Carto, who took this youth movement named after Yockey over from the Wallace people after the last campaign. They are large (relatively) and officed in DC....Haven't tried to keep up with KT, but did hear that he left Tampa. He was there on the one occasion we spoke by phone, some time back. It happened that Gary Schoener, a clinical psychologist familiar with his writing and testimony was here I had Gary pick up an extension. He said KT is sick. I've forgotten the technical name he gave it. He said it was a typical case. I have sent Gary everything. He was away at a psych. conference when this happened and has returned but hasn't had time to respond. I saw one issue of ZENARCHY. It, too, is sick. With this "Ho Chi Zen" in the mag description, any suggestions about line 7, "Chou Mein"?

Will send FRAME-UP promptly. Thanks. This business makes time bind tighter. I started before daylight again this a.m. and fell asleep last night trying to hear Ellsberg on Cavett. I may not send things promptly, but I will carbon you on every suggestion I get from others, unknown to you. There has been no response from Secret Service on this, but the offices of the Senators are concerned. Rothstein promised Monday to get things I asked for from Library Congress promptly. Best to both,

Omaha
8 July 71

Dear Hal,

Re: the Rockville riddle.

Let's define a few groundrules.

Enclosed typescript has text lines numbered, for easier reference.

Anytime we refer to "M-W" we mean: Merriam-Webster International Dictionary, 2nd Edition, Unabridged—which is our personal dictionary we use here.

Please compare my typescript of text with other; that is, xerox you received from Rothstein. If not exactly the same, advise me.

Nowthen.

"horse" (line 2) also means heroin, of course.
"Hashed" (line 10) could in some way refer to hashish.

"Constable" (line 2) has most interesting history. See M-W, p.571.

"Earl George Sande" (line 5) has practically endless possibilities. George Sand was of course not an Earl, but she was a Baronne, and she did have a son. And there was a Karl Ludwig Sand, a German university student who was beheaded in 1820 for the murder of a man he apparently believed was a Russian spy & enemy of "German popular liberties." More on this later.

"R.S.P." (line 6) Jean thinks might have been intended to mean R.S.V.P.

"billingsgate" (line 8) is a gate in the old wall of London; the neighborhood apparently known for foul language...if nothing else.

"Ockie" (line 12) strikes me as similar to Sande in line 5. More on this later. Ocker means usury; ock a Turkish measurement.

Finally: Rockville / Stone / Gravel / Sande.

You ask, in effect, whether or not I think Thornley could have written the riddle. Sure, I think he could have written it. But that is no more than a subjective response—nothing in the text, as yet, brings him to mind directly. I do ^{not} the reference to him in the last paragraph of your 7/3 letter to Rothstein & Kelley. Well, do you know where Kerry is now or anything about his recent activities? I did check on "Zenarchy" and found that a magazine by that name, edited by Kerry Thornley and John Overton, had been announced sometime in 1968. I've never seen the journal, though—and it may not have held together even long enough to produce a first issue. Address I found: 2803 Marlin, Tampa. John Overton unknown to me.

Just a second. Fifth Edition of Directory of Little Magazines & Small Presses (1969) does have a listing, as follows:

ZENARCHY, Church of the Laughing Christ,
Kerry Thornley, Ho Chi Zen, eds., 2803
Marlin Ave., Tampa, Florida. free; sporadic,
100 circ; 1 page; (founded) 1968; 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11;
mimeo, offset; Reports reasonable. No payment.
(editor's statement): "A religious literary
bulletin of political necrophilia. To subscribe,
send a batch of stamped, self-addressed business
envelopes. Our purpose: to glow the universal
mind." (p.56)

However, Sixth Edition of the Directory (1970) carried no entry
under that title. The quote in the 1969 entry copied above is
probably from Kerry, but the rather self-conscious puffery of
the rhetoric is very common among little magazine people. I've
read at least a thousand others that are similar in tone to this
"statement of purpose." Nothing unusual about it, on the surface,
but, as I say, I've never seen/read this particular journal.

Speaking of Thornley, though. There was an issue of INNOVATOR
(April 1965) that supposedly had a piece of his called "Comrade
Oswald and the Holy Cause of Mankind." I'd like to read it if
you have a copy in your files.

Sure, glad to buy a copy of Frame-Up from you. Check enclosed.
Thanks for the offer of selling at your cost...but can't accept.
Discount from net is o.k. when we buy from publisher or retailer,
but not if we buy from the author. One of our eccentricities.

Rain and cool in Omaha this morning, for a change.

More later—

Reil (and Jean)