

Ruth Paine's maiden name was Ruth Avery Hyde.
(Hearings II p431)

The World Book Encyclopedia, 1964 edition, has this entry:

SANDE, EARL (1898-), a famous American jockey, rode Kentucky Derby winners in 1923, 1925 and 1930. He gained a reputation as a quarter-mile rider and broncobuster before becoming a jockey in 1918. He went on to win 967 races and purses totaling \$3,000,000. After retiring to become a trainer in 1932, Sande attempted a comeback as a jockey in 1953, but he won only one race. He was elected to racing's Hall of Fame in 1955. Sande was born in Little Falls, Idaho, on Nov. 13, 1898.

Did Sande have a middle name and was it George ? I have had a persistent confusion about this since the 1930s and have been unable to resolve it since you brought up this subject.

If the allusion is to him instead of George Sand (who seems totally irrelevant) I should think the allusion in the above biographical sketch to his failure to make a comeback might be the relevant element, particularly if EMK is the target. My big objection to Earl Sande is that if the man whom we suspect you suspect of being the author is too young ever to have heard much about Earl Sande unless through exceptional circumstances, as for instance from a father who was an admirer.

It seems worthwhile here to mention that I have had, from the beginning, an impression of the schizoid about this individual. Early in the game he gave an interview on his book about LHO in which he depicted him as quiet, reasonable, normal in every respect, then at the end said yes, he thought he was capable of killing JFK. We can dub the tape for you if you're interested and don't already have it.

Also, I should mention that I have a strong impression of an earlier instance of such veiled letter writing, but have not been able to think where or by whom.

Since this seems likely to continue, at your convenience let us have a copy of the letter, as we have only fragmentary ideas of it from your references.

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