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Mr. J.M. Rothstein, A.A.,  
Senator Mike Gravel  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rothstein,

A friend who is an editor with fluency in several languages has provided what I think is the intent of the letters "R.S.P" in the message sent to you. It has nothing to do with the French, R.S.V.P., and I think now it was not, as suggested earlier, intended to be spoken, approximating "recipe".

It happens that the Latin initials also make the same initials when "Requiscat in Pace" is translated into English, "Rest In Peace". The Latin for the opposite, "Rest Without Peace", is "Requiscat Sine Pace", or, "R.S.P."

In the context of a potential threat, this interpretation can supply what may be inherent but we have not yet found explicit, disapproval. If this is its real meaning, it is, in fact, more than disapproval. It is a curse.

From this friend's knowledge of languages, there seems to be what was not entirely clear in our phone conversation, another possible meaning of "glebe" in Russian, bread (again a reference to wheat, which can betoken South Dakota). I am asking him to clarify this to me, and something else, possible transposition into German and English from the Russian as "loaf". If my understanding is incorrect, I shall inform you.

If this is correct, I can envision another candidate for authorship, a stranger who phoned me, was supposed to come here and didn't, was supposed to order one of my books and didn't, claimed fluency in several languages, including Russian, and claimed to be leaving this area about the first of the month. If the other things he told me are true, it will not be difficult to pick up the trail, including employment. And if there is a rather large ego involved, the second challenge to me would not seem to be unlikely. Because this necessarily involves another life and the possibility of hurt to the innocent or sick, I have to leave pursuing this further to you and/or Mr. Cunningham. Should either of you want to, I can provide the leads and I know the place to which this man says he is moving.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg