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Dear Mr. Rothstein,

A brief update on what I have been able to do since we spoke and a few carbon copies.

There is a real Earl Sande, the famous jockey, born 1898, with standard sources giving two places of birth. The one I am inclined to believe and the one confirmed by newspaper files is Groton, S.D. However, his middle name is Harold.

I would suggest that you broaden your request to the Library of Congress to include the odd words, like "tons", in all the foreign languages possible. It has just occurred to me that coinciding with this was an unsolicited approach to me by phone by a man who represented himself as a linguist. He twice made a date to come here, has not, and I have not heard from him since he failed to show the second time, which was to have been 10 a.m. July 6. However, I have been told that "hou" and "Mein" are Chinese words, my informant being unclear on "Chou" but saying that "Mein" means wheat, thus, if so intended, a redundancy. The stranger who phoned claimed wartime experience in intelligence, fluency in, as I recall, seven languages, and special competence in Russian. He says he is about to get a disability retirement from the federal government. On the occasion of his last call, I found myself wondering if he were drunk or ill.

There is a historian upon whom I can call, and I will ask him to study this, for there are references that can be to antiquity.

George Sand's children included one male of whom we know. Here the Library might be helpful in telling us more about her progeny, whether born while she was married or not. A German student, Karl Ludwig Sand, was beheaded in 1820 for killing a Russian he suspected of being a spy and endangering German liberties. This would appear to have no relationship to George Sand.

The first man I considered capable of such a thing as this once had a small publication. His listing of it in a directory gave "Ho Chi Zen" as co-editor. The sheet was called "Zenarchy", a combination of Zen and Anarchy, to both of which he then professed dedication. He is the man who was Oswald's Marin-Corps friend.

The comment attributed to Senator Gravel in this morning's Washington Post makes me wonder if you might have interest in my rather extensive research and files as they relate to the FBI and its work. If you do, I will be glad to make available anything I can. I have filed some suits under the Freedom of Information Act and plan more.

Sincerely,

Harold Wetsberg