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Mr. Paul Rothermel  
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Dear Paul,

If what I suggest in the enclosed memo is true, I think it may have a special significance to you. Perhaps you have read the book. I now do not have time, but I did pick up another copy (it is now available in a \$1.25 Pocket Book edition) and my wife has already started rereading it.

When I realized this might be a possibility, I started wondering what there might be in the unpublished official material I have that might in some way be related. I have no special reason to believe they are, even less in the case of the woman from Venezuela, Grasny, but I have asked the man who sent you the Benubaz stuff for me to send you copies of what we have on her and a Frenchwoman Bastougeff, who was connected with oil.

I have also asked some other people I know to check through standard reference works on some of the names, like Who's Who in France, to see if they come up with anything. If there are any international oil directorates, can you run those who might be so connected, like Herve Lemarre and Rene Ismarre, in Saïland, to see if there is any data? Even the law firms might have such connections. I am not only asking that you do this for me, I am suggesting there had to be some reason your men was singled out.

There are two people I know who set a number of the characters involved in Syrope. If I get anything of interest from them, I'll send it to you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg