

Dear Phil,

A hasty response to your 9/17 and the Galt alias.

I spotted that KC report in the HQ MURKIN file, I'm sure the same serial, # 1448, which sticks in my mind because it also is the number of one of my cases. What interested me is the fact that HQ never gave thought to looking at the phone book. I have a file on such things, and I'm not sure but I think that Buffalo finally got the same idea and checked.

Meanwhile, the FBI mounted an enormous and quite costly search for Galts, all over the country. I did not make subject-file copies of most of it, but they also found two Eric Galts, father and son, as I recall the father a retired colonel, in the south, perhaps Birmingham.

That there are real Eric Galt's is of no consequence. . .

At this point Melandson phoned me about something else and I reported this and more and hence am not mailing.

He told me that he had found a Montreal Star reporter who had done much Raoul checking, found a nurse with whom an American using that name lives, seven minutes from where Ray was, and that she had Louisiana phone numbers "Raoul" phoned and gave them to the RCMP. He had phoned them all and found that all were bars. The reporter has offered to help Phil and he plans to visit her and see if she can still give him those numbers. He has spoke to McDouglton "The Fat Man," and he claims to be in fear of his life because, allegedly, the letter he read in the envelope actually gave instruction on getting to Portugal and in other ways seemed to suggest intrigue.

He has been in touch with the real Galt who told him that he had been a witness in a Dada County, Fla. case. I asked Phil to ask him if he can recall any of the names of the criminals involved in it.