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Dear Hal,

I have just had a letter from the former wife of a (former?) friend which indicates some very strange political changes have taken place and makes me worry more about what he might have done when he stayed here and I was asleep. Among the things he could have learned is the names and address of some of the people with whom I correspond. Therefore, I hope you can do what I ask as soon as possible, to see D.O. and to level with him for me. It is possible that this person did learn of him in my files one night and it now seems possible he has been in touch with someone, to use this material and this identity to work his own way in, for whatever purpose. If this is the case, there has been a chance and there may yet be a chance that DO has been or may be in danger. I also have heard from another source that that outfit has folded, which may or may not account for his silence and may or may not have anything to do with him and danger.

There would have been a limit to what this man could have learned. I do not sleep that long and he was never here without his wife, who would have noticed a long absence from bed, as I would have the next day. He was in contact with another member ~~with~~ of that group, in Pittsburgh, where he lives. So, I think his interest would have been limited, and with my files in alphabetical order, he'd have had no trouble finding the right one right away. There is more to this that I can't go into. However, one thing his wife (being divorced) did tell me is that he did use what she called the contact address for the vincemaos brigade to establish his own bona fides.

Need I tell you more?

There is a possibility that illness underlies, emotional illness I had not detected but former wife now reports.

I had not heard from him for months, then I got a short letter saying she had left him and he had quit running the risk of being a martyr, etc. and was coming to see me when he could. I suspect that from some of his former activities somebody could have something on him.

I hope you can do this, for I don't want anybody to get hurt. If and when you do, please let me know.

Best,