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I really do not understand Hal. Three months ago, I gave him a small stack of news clippings and asked that they be delivered to you. I finally discovered what happened ~~to them~~. They're being hoarded. It seems Verb is an accumulator. I know he isn't keeping the material for himself because the longest item is in French. I copied it because you seem to understand that language, and I wished to know what was said. Hal doesn't speak a word of French and couldn't possibly derive any benefit from the ~~piece~~. His behavior reminds me of several coin dealers I was once acquainted with. They too were hoarders. These crazy people would buy and buy and buy and buy and sell only when dire need threatened. Some of them eventually accumulated SACKS of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ a single date. Hal is of a similar breed and deserves our sympathy. Whether you know it or not, Verb has a fair size box in his apartment filled with dusty and degenerate notebooks. It's quite a sight too see, but you mustn't smell the concoction lest harm come to your olfactory mechanisms. I'm sure you understand, and will comfort Hal in his hour of need.

Best wishes,


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