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Dear David,

Thanks much for the effort reflected in your 8/18.

I have to leave unexpectedly for a couple of days, anything beginning in an hour or so, so I'll have to be brief.

If any books remain at Pacific Ave. DO NOT ship them by rail. Truck is better and cheaper and there is no rail service here, meaning trucks anyway.

If there are any, please let me know how many as fast as possible because it can make an enormous \$\$\$ difference. There is no large truck that can come in our lane, as Hal might remember.

So, if there are any, what I will do will depend on the number.

If there are none it might be good to learn from the manager what happened to them. I suspect those you just got came from them. I don't think L & S held onto what they had. Economics. Or, of course, accident.

By a carbon Hal will know that I'm very interested in any word he may have received on the UnChristian Christian.

It will not be necessary for Hal to ~~mail~~<sup>haul</sup> the books if there are any. The trucker will pick them up. But I thank him.

The difference here is whether I have to have them delivered to a local trucker instead of me to be able to get them up to the house. If all that John should have are there, this will be the expensive need. Otherwise each package will have to be hand-carried 500 feet and then down the cellar steps.

If the gal no longer lives there the books may still remain in the cellar below the garage, as I recall it.

Reprinting the earlier works now would be premature, I believe. I have no immediate plans for this and none involving Dell, who gyped me as one can't imagine. I can't even get an accounting.

I am pushing as much as I can on Post Mortem.

May thanks and best to you both.

Sincerely,

Hal-thanks. I do have to be ready to leave.

Hope things are not bad for you.

I'm serious about John. Plain crookedness falls short of explaining all. I wish I remembered the name of the characters (lawyers) or their supposed firm, middle-aged, Ivy-league types with whom he took me to lunch the Saturday I was there as the non-paying tenant of his friend with the tower apartments. Is its name something with Battery in it?

I am staying at it, productively if not profitably. I now have a speakers' bureau. If you know some college people who can bank an appearance you can get me out there, which I'd like much. Program Corp. of Amer. 234 W. Central Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530

Best,

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AUG 18 1975

Dear Harold,

I contacted Hal Verb. He moved to San Francisco.

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I spoke to Hal on the telephone tonight. He's going to do what he can to help. It seems John Christian split SF in a hurry. Anyway, he's going to go to the Pacific Avenue address and see if the gal is still there, and of course try to discover the books. He offered to help me get the books off to you if they are located. Fingers crossed. Hal said that he would get back to me by phone in a couple of days and let me know what he found out. Mr. Christian has no doubt abandoned, or left the books behind, as they are not easy to cart around when moving fast is essential. If the gal is still at the Pacific address, she probably will be glad to get the books off the premises, if they are there.

Keep the faith. Hal Verb just may be the catalyst to solving the mystery. May be the good guys may finally win this time.

Hal said to send to you his best regards. He's running a mail order book business out of his residence. He's surviving.

He offered to provide his car to cart the yet to be discovered books to the train station, to ship them by rail to your address.

I doubt whether there would be sufficient space to hold all those books here in our teeny apartment prior to shipping. Perhaps Hal has more room in his place.

Hal mentioned that there was an idea to print all of your books in a small paper back set, but it wasn't practical.??Was it DELL?

I've seen paperback mystery sets sold in a group, in attractive cardboard cases. A novel gift idea. B. DALTON book shop was carrying many different sets covering different subjects. The collected works of....etc.

I'll be writing to you in a couple of days after I here from Hal Verb, and the results of his inquiries at the Pacific address, etc.

Sincerely,

David