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Dear Joe & Robbie,

It is good to hear of/from you again. I was sorry to hear you were having troubles, but I never got around to writing you a letter of good cheer. Mostly because about the same time I had a mess of troubles of my own. And also I know you hate to answer letters, and I owed letters to everyone. Figured too, as I was sending money for g2, I'd better spend my time writing fanzines I owed letters.

I think your announced plan to make up the back issues of g2 is another manifestation of your madness. You are taking something to seriously. Just think of all the jokes poked at S.F. Times for trying to keep up the same fantasy. But more practically, if you become bi-weekly or something, readers won't be able to write LoO's intime to make a following issue, and remarks will be scattered over three issues.. Monthly is just keen.

Anyway, I'm sending 25¢. You no doubt will have another issue out before I can comment on the next one. Beside g2 #10 had reached the front of the line, and was due for comment. When #12 gets here, it will have to start in the middle of the line.. --- Side comment, have you sent copies to Blish? From his writing in Warhoon, he seems seriously interested in more reader-writer exchange.. Though as I remember he has gotten some poor fannish reviews for non-scientific stuff in his stories..

I see one comment still good from those marked for #10. I think what is needed to make our steller neighborhood come to life is to have is as the standerd background to a number of series of stories. Hull's stories of the Ridge are the right sort of thing, but were not enough. What is needed is a lot of common knowldage about names, size and relationship -- as is known about our planet system. The reason being that the writers probably don't know eather...and those that do fear to try to put in the massive douses of of information, as they would have 20 years ago. Maybe you, Poul and Andy could work out a nandy guide book to the neighboring system, and pass it around to the writers. (It might even sell as an article).. Given a fairly large body of knowldage, writers could use parts of it, from time to time. But as it would all be related, a large background of information would filter through to the reader, and he would start to understand things not importen to, but related to the story reference he was reading.

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Rifleman articles and addes, showing all the different sizes of slugs, cases, and powder charges, that fit the same caliber guns. (not the same guns ofcourse)

Say, I realize that ever since my first letter appeared in print, I've had to face up to the fact that I don't spell like other people...which many of them find funny or hard to believe. I've developed a skin as thick as my head bone.. But I still dislike being blamed for things I've never done.. And laying "poetsard" at my door is a bum rap. Willis just explaine how he trippled thumbed that into a letter to Hoffman, who picked it up and ran it up the hill. I not only never had a hand or foot in the matter, I never could remember how to misspell it the right way. Not only that, but "poetsard" were big when I was 90% gafia, and hardly in touch with anyone.. Shiiiee!

Odd note.. You got a card from Sid from Byzantium, and just last week I recieved a card from there. Mine was by my friend Margeret Keller, from Bonners Ferry -- which I seem to remember is were you are from Robbie.. Margeret has been trying to brake out of the Flooding Lands as long as I can remember, with out much luck. She has a brother at the Embady, and allatonce took off on a one way ticket. Hows that for nuts?

I believe most fandom will agree with your putting Jennings in your little black box. It is rare you see such a full and four square fool.. -- Actually, the boys only hope is that what he published about Kepp is untrue.. If he believed it were true, he should also believe Earl would be out to kill him.

I'm not so sure I agree with your greetings to Larry & Sylvia. I'd not wish them any bad luck, but they have moved to a lower place in my esteem. It ain't no crime to take up with another mans wife, but unless one knows better, it suggest he isn't to be trusted... Oh.. DNP this.. I no more good about Larry than bad, and don't want any ill will..

My back tells me it is time to lay down again, so better stop. Give my best wishes to the Graham's, and tell them things are better here, and I ought to get a letter off to them in a couple weeks.. And watch out for rolling stones.

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