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1443 4th Ave. So. Fargo, No. Dakota April 2, 1948

Dear Famaian:

The F.A.P.A. mailing recently received is the greatest I've seen in many many months. It is something to be proud of and something to shoot at for future mailings. There is a possibility that my judgement was prejudiced by the receipt of this bountiful mailing at a time was I was bedridden and finally was recouperating from a long illness.

The fanzine, for which this serves as a wrapper, is the publication of Fred Burgess. Fred sent it in for inclusion in the Philcon Memory Book but it had to be rejected because it did not meet the format requirements for standard size. Fred asked that I send it on to Burbee but somehow it got lost during my illness and I am now trying to make up for my defection by mailing it myself. Do not blame the lateness on Burgess.

I assume that Laney's "open letter" in the Fantasy Amateur requires some sort of an answer, out of courtesy, if nothing else - so here goes.

- 1. Source of information on comtents of mailing was Charles Burbee.
 The words used were my own expression but then I didn't quote him directly.
- 2. Rumor of the ouster petitions can be credited to a letter sent as a news item and naming Perdue and myself as recipients of the attention. The letter was signed Jack Speer, but was postmarked in Los Angeles. It bore no return address. In attempt to double check and hence make a positive statement I mailed the letter to Speer at 5229 University Way Seattle 5, Wash. The address I had for him at that time. While I presume that the address I had for him at that time. While I presume that he received my communication as the letter has not returned to me. It was not registered and I understand that the address I used is no longer correct so the letter may have gone astray. It is entirely possible that the letter was a hoax, which was the reason I sent it to Speer for checking.
- 3. Criticism of "Patient's Memories" from one of the editors of the famous(?)"fingers" publication sounds a little strange. The four page folder was part of a 12 page phamphlet I mimeo'd for the Nurse's Association of a Catholic Hospital Group. 10,000 copies were run off for distribution to patients in 10 hospitals. I ran off a few extra copies for F.A.P.A. in light of "Fingers" and other similar publications and the joylight of "Fingers" and other similar publications and the joylight response they received. Apparently the lack of personal references in P.M. impaired its enjoyability.

Best wishes

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