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### A NOTE OF SOME IMPORTANCE

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SINCE 1966 I have published or announced my intention of publishing quite a few fanzines and books and so on. Many people have paid subscriptions for these things; many have not. My records are in a hopeless mess. With your co-operation I will have everything straightened out early in 1974. You can co-operate either by responding or not responding to this note. My mailing-list has about 200 more names on it than I can afford to retain, and by not responding you will effectively remove yourself from the list.

Quite a few people have maintained a regular correspondence or trading relationship with me; a few have recently sent subscriptions; a few have indicated in other ways recently their continued interest in what I am doing. If you are one of these folk, I ask your indulgence.

I WANT EVERYONE READING THIS TO TELL ME WHY HE/SHE SHOULD REMAIN ON MY MAILING-LIST. And I mean everyone. About fifty people would stay on the list whether they answered this or not - but are you sure you are one of them?

- About 200 people will be receiving this note instead of Scythrop 28 and Philosophical Gas 26. There just aren't enough copies to send to everyone, and even if there were, I would rather spend \$14 to find out if you are still interested than \$40 to send you things you might not want anyway. Some of the 200, I am sure, have paid for subscriptions or in some other way deserve to stay on the list. To these people I apologize sincerely, but I still want you to tell me why you should stay on the list.
- SUBSCRIBERS: I feel sure that only about twenty people have current subscriptions, to ASFR, ASFM or Scythrop. No-one has yet subscribed to Philosophical Gas. If you reckon you are a subscriber, by virtue of payment for anything I have published or not published, please tell me. Philosophical Gas is my only subscription magazine; the current issue is no.26; the subscription is A\$1.50 per year (four issues). From that you may be able to work out the number of the issue with which your subscription expires, and I will be happy to accept your estimate.
- CONTRIBUTORS: A published article in future entitles you to 8 issues. A published letter of comment entitles you to 2 issues. An unpublished letter entitles you to one issue. (The latter category does not include letters telling me why you should stay on the mailing-list.)
- \* TRADERS: I believe in exchanging publications on an all-for-all basis, or not at all. If you send me your publication and I don't particularly like it, you will receive in return one issue of Philosophical Gas and a letter saying I'd rather not trade. I will not trade on a one-for-one basis. I will not send more than one copy of PG in exchange for fanzines with more than one editor. If any of these policies conflict with your own, the matter can be simply resolved by exchanging subscriptions.
- MEMBERS OF FAPA AND ANZAPA: While you remain members of these associations you will receive Philosophical Gas, either through the mailings or separately. If you resign your membership and wish to continue receiving PG, please let me know. I am no longer a member of OMPA or AFRICAPA. I am a member of Murray Moore's

'APA with no rules', but PG will not be distributed in its mailings.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

JOHN W. CAMPBELL: AN AUSTRALIAN TRIBUTE has been delayed by ill-health, lack of money and a couple of false starts. Some time ago I said that everyone who was a subscriber to Scythrop as of 1st January 1972 would receive a free copy. Most reluctantly I am forced to negate this. The book has so far cost me about \$500, and there are more expenses to meet before the book is finished. Postage on each copy looks like being 85 cents. Contributors to the volume, and about twenty people intimately associated with John Campbell, will receive complimentary copies. The contributors are: Jack Williamson, A. Bertram Chandler, Wynne Whiteford, Robin Johnson, Jack Wodhams, John Pinkney, Don Tuck, Christine McGowan, Jock McKenna, John Alderson, Eric Harries-Harris, Leo Gunther, Henry Couchman, George Turner, John Foyster, Redd Boggs, Clive Morley, Bruce Gillespie, Bill Wright, John Julian, Ian MacMillan, Ian Kronborg, Rob Gerrand and Paul Day (and myself). I do not have current addresses for the people asterisked: if you can help in this regard I would be pleased.

The book is being distributed world-wide by Space Age Books, GPO Box 1267L. Melboume 3001. Australia. Price A\$2.00/US\$3.00. At this stage it appears that about 300 copies will be printed - so get your order in if you want a copy. I have read and re-read this book, and - despite the fact that I am its printer, editor and co-publisher - I believe it is a great and memorable volume. I am quite sure that it will become a collectors item very quickly. Having already announced three or four publication dates I am a little hesitant to announce another, but I am fairly sure that the book will be finished in February 1974.

The New Millennial Harbinger was my first apazine. It ran for seven issues in ANZAPA. I have resurrected it for the APA with no rules. There are no copies of no.8 left, but if you want subsequent issues (and I give no guarantees about size or frequency) you can subscribe at the rate of 25 cents per issue. That's A\$1.00 per year - currently US\$1.50, £0.70. No trades on NMH. You can write letters of comment if you wish and they will be treated exactly as letters to Philosophical Gas. I wouldn't mention NMH at all if it were not for the fact that a few odd people seem to want everything I publish.

Occasionally I publish Revolting Tales Of Sex And Super-Science - in future mainly for FAPA and ANZAPA. This is something no-one outside of those associations should want to see, unless he is a completist. If you really want it, subscribe to the New Millennial Harbinger and you shall have it gratis.

#### IN CONCLUSION:

I desperately need subscriptions. A\$2.50 will get you everything I publish in a year. My desperation is not caused by a lack of money so much as a need to convince the Australian Taxation Office that I am really in the publishing business. My total income from publishing, since 1st July 1973, amounts to \$5.78 exactly - and I feel that the tax people won't find this a convincing argument that I really am in the publishing business. Last year my 'publishing business' lost something like \$4000. I will go on losing this kind of money, but I desperately need some income to show them that I'm not entirely fooling around.

My best wishes, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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