

Dip the Bucket Down a Little Farther, Dear...

This, for lack of better name or excuse, is Walter Breen's

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FR 156

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F I V E

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PSYCHOPATHS:				
I. R. Eney, 417 Ft Hunt Rd, Alexandria 22307, Va.	24 Jan	y	n?	
II. G. Eklund, CMR3, Bx 5994, Travis AFB, Cal.	15 Feb	y	n?	
III. D. Pelz, Bx 100, 308 Westwd Plz, LA90025	8 Mar	n	f/r	
I°V. J. Boardman, 592 16th St., Bklyn NY 11218	29 Mar	y	y	
V. T. White OC, 339 49th St., Bklyn 11220, NY	19 Apr	y	n?	
VI. W. Donaho, Bx 1284, Berkeley 94701, Cal.	10 May	y	n?	
VII. F. Patten, 1825 Greenfield Ave., LA 90025	31 May	n	n?	
VIII. B. Pelz, same as D. Pelz above	21 June	n	f/r	
IX. N. Metcalf, Bx 336, Berkeley 94701	12 July	y	n?	
X. B. Lichtman, 6137 S. Croft Ave., LA90056	2 Aug.	n	y	
XI. B. Tapscott, 914 E. Miller, Seattle, Wn.	23 Aug	n	yf/r	
XII. D. Fitch, 3908 Frijo, Covina 91722, Cal.	13 Sept	pub	n?	
XIII. W. Breen, Box 1032, Berkeley 94701, Cal.	4 Oct.	n	pub	

\*f/r was SLINGH TROWYNE, dtd 14 Dec, rec'd 20 Dec  
FAR-OUT PSYCHOTIC:

I. G. Scithers, USAR&D Grp, APO757, NY, NYO9757 Sept65 N N?  
\*See within for details. RULING, ENEY?

TWISTED; or NEUROTICS:

F. Lerner, Fernald Hall, Columbia College, NYC10027 y n?  
OM Hannifen, 619 S. Hobart Blvd, LA - n?  
Arnold Katz, UB Apts, 468B, Allenhurst Rd, Eggertsville, NY - n?  
Len BaileS, 1729 Lansdale Dr, Charlotte, NC y n?  
DaVan Arnam, apt 353, 1730 Harrison, Bronx, NY - n?

MALADJUSTED; or at least UNHAPPY:

R. Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Mich.  
Bill Blackbeard, 192 Mt. View, LA.  
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D. Hulan, 19018 Bryant St., Northridge, Calif.  
A. Rogers, 5243 Rahlves Dr., Castro Valley, Cal.  
J. Chalker, 5111 Liberty Hts Ave., Baltimore, Md.  
B. Raeburn, 189 Maxome, Willowdale, Ont., Canada.  
W. Ballard, 4230 Univ Way, NE, Seattle.  
J. Harness, c/o Hannifen.  
Ted Johnstone, addr same as Hannifen.  
Richd. Mann, Bryan Hall, Mich. State Univ., E. Lansing, Mich.  
Pvt EEEvers, P. Co., 2d Tng Rgt., Ft. Dix, NJ  
Henry Stine, c/o Hannifen.  
Jerry Arthur, c/o Hannifen.  
G. Schwenn, Bx 57242, LA57.  
G. Heap, Bx 1487, Rochester, NY.

IN LIMBO: P. Choate and T. Seidman (see within).

NEXT PUBBER: ENEY. ELECTION BEING HANDLED BY ENEY IN f/r.

ADDED: none. DROPPED: none. MUST WRITE ENEY: ~~xxxxwithxxx~~ Eklun  
White, D-----, Patten (he is dropped if no letter to me arrives before 4 Jan), Metcalf, Fitch, and the five AWLers.

## CULTURAL BUSINESS AND LINE THAT:

Scithers is listed as not having written me because his earlier letter (sent via Metwalf, registered and return receipt requested) came long before Fitch's deadline, and should have been sent to Fitch. He has not written me since. The piece he sent as a f/r had earlier appeared in YENDRO and therefore is not creditable by the Cult's No Prior Distribution rule.

Candidates for OA as of the present writing (30 Dec 1964) are the following:

John Boardman, B. Tapscott, and G. Scithers. Also D. Pelz. There is a petition, reproduced elsewhere in this issue, to revoke Eney's incorrect ruling that Scithers is eligible, and therefore to make the slate of candidates for OA consist of Boardman and Tapscott. This petition has my full support on grounds better than those therein given. Scithers was never a full Member of the Cult, in the sense of the Cult Constitution, before being given Associate status. He was on the waiting list, and when he became eligible for the AWL went overseas. He was at that time listed incorrectly as an Associate Member rather than as an Associate WLER. This status has not officially been changed, though technically he would have been eligible for one of the various vacancies in the Roster of the Ignoble Thirteen in the meantime, had he been in the USA. However, even if this bit of nitpicking be overlooked, the reasons given in the Boardman/Seidman/White petition remain valid and should be taken into consideration. As Eney is handling the election in a special f/r, clearly he will have to deal with the results of voting on this petition before the election can lawfully be held. As an Official ruling is not enough, clearly the voting must be done first. Even if Seidman's eligibility be questioned on grounds of his placement in Limbo, there are three other signatures of Members on this petition, making it legal Cult business.

Now to the matter of Limbo.

The PO misfiled a CoA notice handed in by Pren Choate when he separated from his then wife and moved out of his Blake St. house. From then until now he has not been receiving any mail, and owing to the mislaying of the CoA form by some postal employee, nothing was or could be forwarded to him. This seems legitimate grounds to reopen the question of his Cult status.

Seidman claims that he wrote Fitch well within the appropriate FR period and therefore had no reason to assume that he would have been dropped; and he has written Eney to this effect. He too is thus in Limbo.

Choate's address, should he be reinstated, is 1940 Channing Way, Berkeley 94704.

Tom Seidman's address is c/o Math Dept., Wayne State Univ., Detroit.

During Cycle XIII, there should be at least one or two worthwhile contributions to the Cult. As I am scheduled to publish FR169, and this 13th FR of the 13th cycle represents a sort of Cultish anniversary roughly comparable (though on a smaller scale) to the FAPA 100<sup>th</sup> mailing, I will now mention my plan for the thing: it will be run through the November 1965 FAPA mailing as THE BEST OF THE CULT, and will contain selected Cultstuff from Cycle I to date. Precious little in the last three cycles, I fear...can we do better this time? A kind of delayed answer to the Sneary Amendment....

STROSCOPY (and there was a lot of it to look at, too:)

First, the petition.

24 December 1964

WHEREAS

the Cultstitution states, in its Glossary, that the word Member "when spelled with a capital initial,...signifies one of the thirteen Members of the Cult", and

WHEREAS

Article V, Section 7 of the Cultstitution states, "Any Member in good standing may run for and serve as OA", and

WHEREAS

Article VII, Section 1 of the Cultstitution states, "Voting on Cult business is restricted to Members", and

WHEREAS

Article V, Section 5 states, "The OA may not do anything to override the Constitution", and

WHEREAS

Article V, Section 2 states, "Any OAfficial decision may be overridden by a vote of seven Members",

THEREFORE,

We, the undersigned Members of the Cult, do hereby petition for a vote to override the OAfficial decision published in FR 155, which states that associate members of the Cult are eligible to vote for OA, or to serve as OA.

John Boardman

Paul White

Tom Seiden

Walter Breen

The original of this petition goes to Eney as OA.

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On FR 153: The Associate's carfile is nearly 1000 short of what it could contain even were it based on published work alone, exclusive of mere variants. Should the party in question ever reach France he might try to pick up a copy of the anonymous compilation THE LIMERICK [Paris, Les Hautes Etudes, 1953] comprising some 1739 examples + variants. Were he to try to get one from its real compiler, G. Legman, he might get the bum's rush instead. And no, it's not legally importable into the USA.

On the thing disgraced with the name of FR154, Crudpub (how appropriately named) 87: One might well make Sneary a Cult member, but that wdn't get him to contribute. Strange that the proposer of that

Idea is the very one whose Clutzine, franked through FAPA, inspired the Sneary Amendment. What is worse, passage of the Sneary Amendment would automatically remove over one third of FAPA's membership from the ranks, as a glance at past Cult rosters would prove- and as I show in the February mailing. What is worse, as few as 17 members of FAPA voting a disgruntled YES could push the thing through!

O SLINGH TROWYNE:

The Sneary Amendment is worded in such a way as to be automatically ~~ex~~ post facto: anyone who is or has been a member of the Cult shall be ineligible for membership. I doubt it was aimed against anyone in particular, though it was a sigh of disgust at a Metcalf FR which made its unwelcome appearance in FAPA. :: If Tapscott is serious in proposing that all past or present FAPA members be excluded from the Cult, he will find difficulty in getting enough signatures to push the thing through. I doubt that Eney, White, D-----, B.Pelz, Metcalf, Lichtman and myself could be persuaded to sign any such petition, or vote for it, and these seven Cultists' NO votes would override the yeses of the six who might conceivably vote for it. If this is Scottish humor, it fails to arouse any chuckles at this end.

On FR 155:

Probably the best thing Harlan can do under the circs: (1) Admit he has been Firked by the Fickle Finger of Fate, or raped by the rusty ramrod of reality, or diddled by the dangling dong of destiny, or however that thing goes. (2) Write something hugoworthy in 1965. (3) Hope that the 1966 concommittee will restore the drama Award, tho' it looks like a losing battle. The Hugos are hardly to be taken seriously anymore, anyway, save perhaps by paperback publishers who like to blurb their authors as HUGO WINNERS!.

Page 4 of my copy was blank, but that is no matter, considering whose Immortal Prose I am thereby deprived of. I doubt I shall need to water my garden with the tears shed therefor, somehow.

Berner: What are "APA C" and Tavistock APA? And has anyone thought of renaming ~~the APA~~ APA L "Basingstoke APA"?

Basingstoke it is...!

The following letter is selfexplanatory. I have deleted the number in the address to protect the writer (a nonfan acquaintance).

000 Scott St., SF 11, Cal.

Dearest Draft Board,

It is my pleasure to inform you superduperpatriotic people of my not too recent change of address. Oh, I know it is my duty to keep you w wonderful people informed of my every move. I know the dangers and perils to my country. I had been Warned. But I, foolish boy, thought I could delay a few hours without harm. And so--be still, my beating heart!--I delayed, promising myself only to let a few hours go by. Must I confess that it has been over 3 months? Oh, everlasting shame --Three Whole M nths. Am I to blame that in my delirium I allowed my beloved country to suffer so? Let my story be an example to othe  
ers.

Aside from my heartfelt confession, I have a problem that maybe you good understanding people can advise me on. I see in the not too distant future an ominous black cloud gathering on the horizon: the day I am drafted. I shudder to contemplate this not-too-distant

...the edges ~~tax~~ ~~written~~ to my most beloved country. It is not  
I don't want to wear one of those cute uniforms and march around  
the drillfield spelling out M-O-T-H-E-R. But it is, you see, a very  
personal problem. You see, dear people, my sex life is not ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
together what one might describe as adequate. I am burdened by very  
frequent nocturnal emissions--oh, heaven help me! Now you see the  
problem. Why, the cost to the military in sheets and uniforms alone  
staggeres the imagination. Just think of it--two years of ruined  
sheets! Well, I won't offend the sensitive by describing the awful  
havoc that will inevitably follow among my comrades in arms. [Dis-  
claimer.]

And besides, dear people, I must confess that I wouldn't be doing  
my patriotic best if I came to the aid of my country in any other way  
but to return my draft classification card and suggest that you dear  
people change it to a 4F rating and return it to me. Oh, I feel  
positively naked without it! But there is clearly no other way--I  
must endure it, for my country's sake! You see, dear people, I fear  
I am developing a touch of necrophilia and God only knows how I might  
react among the ~~xx~~bodies of the dead on the battlefield.

Patriotically yours,  
(s) Sidney R-----

They gave him his 4F, I hear...I believe the poor kook had done some  
time in the company of the gentlemen in white coats, at that.

# # #

Prof. Lorenz, quoted in Charles Lloyd's Human Reproduction and Sexual  
Behavior, refers ~~xx~~ (in a discussion of implanting) to a peacock  
raised from hatching among a group of land tortoises. At adulthood  
this peacock was sexually unresponsive to anything except land tor-  
toises. This brings up any number of evil Cultish speculations....

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#### L E T T E R S

JOHN BOARDMAN: We enjoyed your column in the 23 December Coin  
World, and I hope that you send the exchange of  
letters through SF-fandom ere long. Maybe you could publish them in  
your Cultzine? [I'm probably Sn.PARA, with a glossary; there're a  
few more parttime coin fans in that area than in present company. But  
I promise you that the version I publish won't be the expurgated ver-  
sion that ran to the 172,000 readers of CW anyway. What kind of edi-  
tor is Margo Russell, anyway, to fear even the mention of a baby's  
navel in numismatic terms? She makes Ray Tarrant sound like something  
from Olympia Press...but I digress.]

G.Scithers sent me a carbon copy of his letter to FR156, presu-  
mably in the belief that you aren't really going to publish and that  
I will print his deathless words. His letter triggered something in  
mymemory, and I took out a <sup>copy</sup> letter that had been lifted from the US  
by the Alkiphron Foundation. The complete text of the letter follows:

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
Neshoba County, Miss.

14 Dec 1964

Mrs. Rita Schwerner  
C.O.R.E.  
38 Park Row  
New York, N.Y. 10038

Dear Mrs. Schwerns,  
Are you as tired as I am of the people who keep bringing up the unpleasantness of a few months ago? I am fast becoming convinced that some of the people masquerading as your supporters are only interested in having a martyr to cry about, and are willing, able, and already trying to nail you up if no one else will.

Yours truly,

--Lawrence A. Rainey  
Sheriff, Neshoba County

To the cc of his letter Scithers appended the following words: "Will Breen print this? Will he pretend the earlier, Registered, return receipt requested letter never arrived? See your FR 156 for all the exciting details! That is, if it comes out within 6 weeks of when it's supposed to..."

[This is completely, or almost completely, mysterious to me. I received a certified, return receipt requested, letter from That Man in Germany, dated 3 Dec and postmarked Berkeley (!) 7 Dec 64, via Metcalf. Since it arrived before Fitch's pubdate, I assumed it was mistakenly sent to me instead of to Fitch, and paid little attention to it. Since your mention of it, I resurrected the thing, read it, found nothing in it reminiscent of the sheriff's letter you quote, (see stenciled version below) and assume that some other letter might have been lost in transmission during the hollyday confusion. I am still getting mail misaddressed to 2402 Grove by people who do not know any better. <sup>weeks late</sup> The sheriff's letter sounds suspiciously like a parody of something that an Exclusionist might write who wants to reestablish the status quo ante. After what Marion and I went through on account of certain Exclusionists, I cannot assume that any such overtures have the slightest vestige of sincerity--from the APOLOGIA on up. Oh yes, Alkiphron was a letterwriter of ancient times, but what is the Alkiphron Foundation?]

BOB LICHTMAN: Fitch's FR says I better write to you. There's not much in this mag except the usual crap about dropped people from the Cult, but I have a few comments: || Fitch: Granted that Ted was only stating a part of "what 'states' rights' are for" by saying the south has used the concept to justify an unconstitutional status quo, but what on earth do you mean, in terms of any sort of reply to this, by saying, "Just like knives and pistols are to murder people with"? I agree with Ted that states' rights is an outmoded concept and should be junked. It would certainly make the south (& the majority of Californians, who voted for legalized segregation here) unhappy, but it would be a step in a good direction. ...What is needed is a federal set of statutes, enforced on state level by federal adjudicators, encompassing, making uniform, and superseding present state laws. This would among other things make legal the teaching of evolution in some southern states, eliminate miscegenation laws, wide variations in legal penalties for identical crimes, etc., etc.

D-----: At most of the schools I went to, David [Bradley] would have ~~xxxx~~lasted, all right, but he would have been unhappy and occasionally physically threatened. Partly because of my height, partly because I was quite introverted in certain areas, I was in much the same situation as David during much of my school days. I think, in retrospect, it was a positive thing in certain ways, since in me at least it reinforced antimilitaristic and anti-violent ideas I'd had all along, as well as giving me some background on a personal level

... to reflect about what Negro life is like in the culture as a whole. But despite this apparent gain, I hated it and wish something could be done about it, since whatever one gains from it is far less than the hurt involved when you are there. Not just the physical hurt, but the psychological hurt ~~in~~ of nonacceptance.

It's tempting to point out at length how Fitch's comment at the tail end of D-----'s letter takes off from a lot of his part and goes on through these assumptions, adding further assumptions as he goes along, to his snide conclusion. This seems to be the Fitch method of commenting, and the one-paragraph example here is one of the more typical samplings. The Fitch method pays no attention to what you've said, but goes on hazy preconceptions and faint misrecollections of past comments of one's (or thing others have said about one) and ignores and avoids that which is being said in what he is ostensibly commenting on. [Doubtless as in INTROSPECTION 9...] The method is a shrewd one, because it throws up a verbal and contextual haze which obfuscates further argument, rebuttal or comment, in that it is done with such authority and polish that it is difficult to take apart and refute without going to more length & pains than it is worth. But I refer you to my letters which ought to be (d.v.) appearing in Part 2 of Fitch's FR next week. X [Along with Part B of an ancient Dave Rike FR?]

APSCOTT [dated Dec. 21, Year of the Blivet]

Fitch--I'd like to hear details about the harassment you mention in f/r 153.3908. Who is it that's talking about legal action ~~here~~now? This lawsuit syndrome seems to be spreading, and if anything is likely to kill fanpub this is it. Bah. Sometimes fans make me sick. [Why are you staying in the Cult, then?]

Boardman--re f/r 154.1967: there you go, changing the subject again. You made a bunch of sillyass statements about "Liberals"; Xif parodied them; so now you invite me to "put up or shut up" on the topic of What To Do About Mississippi. This, JB, is a typical JB move and it exemplifies just what I've been saying all along. You chant the litany of the Left, spout simplistic solutions to complex problems, and when anyone points out that there are no simple answers you try to shout him down with "What simple solution do you propose? Put up or shut up!" I don't know what to do about Mississippi, John. Which puts us both in the same boat; you don't know what to do about it either. The difference between us is that I'm willing to admit my lack of a simple, workable solution and you're not. Oh, sure, you know what you would do. But that's not saying it's the right thing to do. :: SUNDRY: By golly, some changes in the Roster at last. I was beginning to think it had vitrefied [surely, you mean putrefied?] permanently. You'll notice that both of our new Members are two-time losers; they've both been in the Cult before. Breon, you're the coin expert. Is it true what they say about the behavior of bad pennies? [Well, tap 'em and listen to their sound...] I don't think there's ever been a 3-time loser in the cult, has there White? If not, then Hannifen will be the first, provided that he makes it in again. I imagine this distinction will make him Very Happy. If we're lucky, maybe it will decide him to try for a record of some kind, and he'll voluntarily return to the bottom of the IWL as soon as he becomes a Member. Checking my Portable Automatic Cultarchive, it turns out that Hannifen's third conviction won't really be a record. Technically, this is Lichtman's fifth time in the Cult, which puts him in a tie with Metcalf. That's counting drops and subsequent reinstatements, and vacillation between the AWL and Membership, as cases of

TAPSCOTT ii :: Seidman :: Choate i  
being O t and In again. If we ignore such technicalities, then Han-  
nifen's 'closest competitor is Harness, wnow ~~being down~~ coming up for  
the third time, like a bad radish. I suppose it's worth mentioning  
that the Cult's first 3-time loser would have been John Champion, had  
he not losxt the big one when he did. Fate keepeth her baleful eye  
affixed to the Cult.

VOTERS: It is probably superfluous to point out that \*I\* am the  
only OA candidate worth serious consieration. Regard my worthy oppo-  
nents: Boardman is a bigot, Dian is a woman, and George is a resident  
of a furrin country. Vote for an Impartial Male American. @Vote Tap-  
scott OA. Staunch \*\* Fearless \*\* Atomic. In your Aorta, you know you  
Orta. :: Grog protect thee from fitches, (s) Scott XI

In your Bladder, you know he's an Adder...

TOM SEIDMAN: I'm over at Boardman's at the moment and have just  
[24 December] seen the issue of Fitch's Cultzine list-  
ing me ~~xxx~~ as dropped. I note ~~that~~ his comments on the uncertainty  
of the roster and can only assume that my letter got mislaid. At any  
rate, let me assert here that I did, in fact, write a letter the  
Thursday prior to his pubdate and airmailed it off immediately. Cer-  
tainly it should have arrived on time. Up to than I had hoped to be  
able to send out a f/r, but what with making up, giving, and grading  
exams for my courses (Wayne is on a quarter system), I wound up writing  
Fitch while taking a 3am break in exam-grading. Since I took off that  
Saturday for points east, I had no idea till now that my letter had  
not arrived, or had been mislaid, or whatever. Let me, in any case  
(to allow for the possibility that the letter has become irrevocably  
mislaid) request reinstatement on the active roster--I'm also writing  
Eney now, but if you haven't heard from him before pubbing, please  
list my name in Limbo. [Done.]...The party's just starting so I ll  
quit this herewith, dash off the letter to Fney, and join in. Do  
svidaniye, Tom.

CHOATE : Until yesterday I never saw FRs 153 through 155, due to ~~he~~  
PO losing my CoA card. ...I have lost interest in the game  
of chopgashslashslice, which is a lousy game and I'm sorry I ever got  
caught up in it. I don't like the emotions that rise up when I read  
the diatribes of Metcalf, Tapscott, etc., and I don't like contem-  
plating the probability that my polemics evoke the same reaction in  
others. :: I do, though, want to take up some of your points in FR  
153, Scotty. On Goldwater: in this election I found myself very ten-  
tatively on the right wing for the first time in my life. I was very  
impressed by Ch. 2 of Conscience, particularly the bit about electing  
leaders who will voluntarily refrain from using the power given, ~~of~~  
which you are so contemptuous. My request for a refutation [of Ch.2]  
was in good faith; I had never seen one, and was interested in how a  
leftwinger would answer those arguments. So, thank you.

The "soul" theory--and the word is not one I would choose, due to  
a wealth of Xian overtones that have nothing to do with what I'm tal-  
king about--is simply the idea that the center of consciousness of  
each of us is not something dependent for its existence on a physical  
vehicle. That is, the "I" that is aware of being aware is an incor-  
poreal Atman, rather than a product of some pattern of neural impul-  
ses. Therefore the demand to "show me a soul" is rather like asking  
to see the retina of your own eye. Trouble is, the theory that matter  
/energy is the only ultimately real thing in the cosmos, and that



SCITHERE ii :: Scithers  
consciousness is some sort of excrescence or byproduct [epiphenomenon  
is the usual word among behaviorists & logical-positivist duckspeak  
specialists] of the mechanical interaction of particles, is so well  
built into the structure of western thought that the notion of some-  
thing real yet incorporeal is wellnigh~~x~~ inconceivable for many people.  
However, there is the alternate theory that consciousness or intel-  
ligence is at least as ultimate a part of reality as is matter/energy.  
You and I, as intelligent entities, are a part of this, as far as our  
basic nature is concerned, rather than a part of the world of parti-  
cles and mechanics. :: Obviously I can't prove such a theory to you,  
nor do I think you can disprove it--or prove the physicalist theory  
either. But I can indicate a number of phenomena that point in this  
direction. Have you done any reading in [not merely about] the field  
of psychical research? There is quite a bit of well-authenticated  
material that pretty clearly calls for a nonmaterialist explanation.  
For example, Edgar Cayce would go into trance and his assistant would  
give him the address of someone who had written him with physical  
ailments, for help. He, Edgar Cayce, would travel to the address  
(where he had never been), describe the room in detail if asked, make  
a thorough examination of the correspondent's body, and prescribe reme-  
dies--all without leaving the bed or the trance state. :: This kind  
of evidence, however, usually fails to convince unless a person has  
some kind of ~~my~~ personal experience of separateness from his own body.  
Such experience is much more widespread than you might think; people  
don't talk about it much for fear of being ridiculed. [I have had it  
myself.] This is often part of psychedelic experiences; others have  
left the body during operations, accidents, moments of sudden fright,  
or illnesses.

This so far says nothing about "past lives"; it would be equally  
compatible with a theory that our consciousness goes back into an  
ocean of consciousness or somesuch when we die. I happen to believe  
in past lives because I trust my memory of them [on, presumably, the  
same grounds as Pren trusts his memory of reading Fitch's Cultzinel  
and the memory of the many other people I have audited on them, par-  
ticularly where it was obvious that the past-life material was some-  
thing they were most reluctant to remember, was actually physically  
painful (like past deaths). This isn't really too important, as the  
word in Scn now is to ignore past lives and discourage running them  
when they come up, at least until the present life has been completely  
cleaned up. [I suspect this may be a mistake, and will be changed by  
future dicta from Saint Hill. If past life materials come up at all,  
they presumably do for some reason, often that in this way the pc can  
obtain more insight into present-time problems. The pendulum swings,  
and all that.]

SCITHERS [dated 3 Dec, postmarked Berkeley 7 Dec as above]

Re the Worldcon & Hugo rules--I think that Special Awards  
should be interpreted as meaning "an award given in a category which  
is not a regular, annually given category." We'd do well to amend exist-  
ing rules to permit a Special Award to be voted on by the con member-  
ship--but still, there will be an occasional person or thing deserving  
of Hugolevel recognition under circumstances where putting the matter  
to general vote is impractical or inappropriate.:: The local area is  
overrun with opera. Within an hour or less by railway, there are some  
33 performances of opera, operetta or ballet each week. And that's  
for an 8+ -month season, too.:: Re Boardman's & TW's confid--well, it  
could have been worse. Like, for example, if Ted had been listed as  
treasurer. By the way, there's commonly held superstition that having  
the chairmanship split between 2 people is asking for trouble.