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The purpose of this fractional SOUTHERNER is primarily to explain a sort of problem of the OE with one of the contributions to the 16th Mailing. Some of you will be getting this fractional 0-0 first class, probably before you get the regular mailing; the rest will get it with their regular mailing. It should be placed with the rest of the mailing, as it is an integral part thereof, mailed under separate cover.

The thing is that Dian's A PORTFOLIO FOR DAVID MITCHELL, while funny as hell and quite innocuous to my mind, has a couple of items in it which could possibly be construed as obscene by a narrow-minded postal inspector. Now, I don't think they are obscene, and I'm confident that if it came to that that I could prove in court that they aren't. However, I don't have any particular desire to be taken to court, either, even if I'm confident I can prove my case. I also don't want any of the members getting the local P.O. or their parents on their backs on account of SFFPA. So, I am not including APFDM in the regular bundles, which invite postal inspection, but am mailing it out separately, 1st class, with this, to all the members who I am sure would not get in trouble because of it. I include in this group all adults, and all others who are members of the Cult or TAPS, because in belonging to those apas you are definitely volunteering for the receipt of material rather worse than this. However, there are a few members of SFFPA who are teen-agers living with their parents who might prefer not to take a chance on receiving a magazine with somewhat questionable illustrations in it, and if so I won't put them to embarrassment - if you are reading this in the regular mailing I have a copy of APFDM reserved for you, and will send it on request (please request by August 1, so I can give any extras still left back to Dian and don't have to hold them indefinitely). Call me chicken if you like, but in this case I think discretion is the better part of valor - it doesn't cost that much extra for the extra security of first class (I know first class isn't inviolate, but it usually isn't opened, and the odds are that at least one of the 20-odd SFFPA mailings will be somewhere in the U.S.).

Also, Dave Locke came in very late with his SFFPazine but it did arrive before the mailing went out and before I had typed the last few items on the contents page, so I included it. This is sufficient to satisfy the "show interest" request, leaving only Harkness and McDaniel with questionable status. Locke still owes dues, however.

I also found Stephen Barr's address - Box 305, Necona, Texas, 76255. Also note that I omitted to say that Wally Weber was dropped for lacklivity. And invitees must pay their dues upon acceptance of an invitation. Surplus mailings will be held for WLers for one month, after which time they will be sold on a first-come first-served basis to anyone who requests them. Beginning next mailing, WLers should reserve their surplus mailing before the mailing deadline; after the mailing is distributed they will go on sale on a first-come first-served basis. Atkins was advanced to membership immediately because he had material in the mailing; possibly Pettit should have been but as he was not #1 on the WL I didn't. He already had a mailing paid for anyhow...but I'll consider accepting that as his dues and making him a member retroactively as of this mailing. Bill?