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JANUARY 1990 • ~~SATURDAY~~ MON 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR • 1ST DAY • 364 DAYS TO COME

From Edith Slotkin rcd. article (the name of newspaper cut off) & bt. "Electronic" MONOPOLY, SCRABBLE, & RISK - all by "Virgin Mastertronic." In talking to Edith yesterday, BB was told that there's a game called MIAMI MONOPOLY around, but Edith didn't know the details.

Call from Claude, asking for Wald Amberstone's tel. no. (He has a book of Wald's & wants to check if Wald wants it back.) Found it in '83 diary. Claude is working on a new game, based on developing the atom bomb - GAME.

Wrote review for ADVERTEASING (Cadaco). (Cont. below)

(Cont. from 1/1) [1/1]

Made a new set of pcs. for HEX-MATCH, using 9 colors as suggested by Robin King. (Primary colors in outer ring; secondary colors in next ring; brown, gray, & white in center.)

(Cont. from above) [1/2]

Call from Jim Mueller in (or near) Indianapolis, who got my no. at GAMES. His kids wrecked his copy of EXTINCTION and he'd like to replace it. Told him that I think I have a dupl. I'll call him by 1/9 ((317-251-4241 or 317-251-5600-Answering machine)). He mentioned that he spent abt. $30 for his copy back in '70.

Letter/card to Elizabeth & Gerhard Kodys: The Schmitts; Dagmar de Cassan; MALAWI; SUMMA SUMMARUM. (Actually this was written yesterday.)

To GAMES. Gave review of ADVERTEASING to Burt Hochberg; he had some comments/additions; length of game - abt. 34 hours I said; did I enjoy it - add "and have lots of fun along the way" after "from mail room to president--"; questions w. higher numbers are usually harder, but not always; I'll probably do RED LETTER next, but we'll talk abt. it. Spoke to Will Shortz: he gave me copy of WINTER PUZZLER 1990 (special Edition - Jan/Feb '90); asked abt. the "game giveaway" & it is up to Burt; asked abt. MAX-I-NIM & it might be in the issue after next. On back cover of the mag. is ad by "Tiger Electronics for NINJA GAIDEN. Made repros of MOTTO rules & other mat'l. - but not complete (Belcom Games/Propian Inc.). Made repros of rules - complete info - for DICEY ROLLEY (Executive Visions). Made 6 more repros of MAVERICK COUNTRY Ranch Cards. Made repros of the following of my games - 4 of each: SPY - from GAMES of July/Aug '78; LAST DITCH - from May/June 80 - 1 repro of problem answers; ODD & EVEN - Oct. '82; TROMINO GO - from SET #18; COMBINATION - from SET #22 - only 3.

Checked on EXTINCTION. Found my original copy that I rcd. on 10/23/70 (on shelf 81); found dupl. of 11/4/70 in basement. I also rcd. a copy on 3/5/79, which I didn't locate.

Rcd. card from Joe Nikisch - to BB & me. No message.
Rcd. notice of movie exhibition at CENTRE CULTUREL (put in prior envelope).

From AGCA rcd. the following: GAME RESEARCHERS' NOTES (#6); THE GAME CATALOG (Pgs. 64 to 92); "Membership Directory Update"; "Renewal Notice" & Membership Card. (Didn't enter any specific info.)

Long calls from Robin King - to me during day & to BB in evening. Nothing specifically on games.

Played HEX-MATCH w. BB. Determined that it was difficult enough to make 20 pts. & in 2 wins. Decided to set 20-24-28 as the winning totals.

At GAMES spoke to Burt Hochberg abt. his going to "CES" convention in Las Vegas. I asked if he could pick up some catalogs for me, if not too bulky; he'll try. He rcd. his TOY FAIR pre-registration.

Rcd. ANALOG (Feb. '90), Matthew Costello has nothing on games.

Called the "Games Gang": Lee Gelber out of town & spoke to Patty Nolan. She'll send me the missing "black I" tile for RED LETTER. I mentioned not getting a copy of QUICK WIT; she'll check w. Lee when he gets back next wk.

Letter from Roger Byrten. Repro of family news. Repro of article in THE FAIRFAX JOURNAL abt. his game STAMPIN' - published by the "Postal Service"; mention of DARK TOWER & SLINKY GAME. His new address { 8210 Shadowridge Dr.
Fairfax Sta., VA 22039

Call from Angelo Longo. He'd like to see my collection - also Lee Gelber & 1 or 2 others. Because of our work loads came up w. 2/6 or 2/7 as best possibilities. He'll call me next wk. to make definite plans. He said that he might find something that is worth reviving - and I'd get my cut. Actually he doesn't have copies of many of his own GAMES. I mentioned that I have many models, but no comment on this from him.

Rcd. letter from Peter Schmid. Not coming this ~~month~~. Will contact me abt. TOY FAIR time meeting.

Thinking that my idea for LINKS (see 12/14/89) could be used for my RED LETTER.

Visit from the Levy's. In trade for PEG CHOW / TELKA he took my dupl. copy of RED SUN RISING (S.P.I.). He heard abt. a "Stock Market" variation for MONOPOLY; told him I had info on it & would get him a repro; (later found it in Ronnie Corn folder - see 9/28/79 - it is called STOCK EXCHANGE). TRAFALGER came up; showed him the board and I'll locate the equip't. to show him next time he is here. Played MAVERICK COUNTRY & they liked it. Played one "hand" of TROMINO GO w. Herb. Next date on 1/26. (Later found TRAFALGER filed in box 28.) Spoke abt. TOY FAIR; he'll drive in on Sunday to "Javits"; we'll meet and he'll drive me home; I insisted on at least chipping in on the parking, etc. In the game of MAVERICK COUNTRY I would have completed a barn by picking up a 6 of that color in next space, and threw a 6; Lyn then threw to end the game and beat me by 3 pts. The game STAMPIN' came up in the conversation; Herb got an ad ~~from~~ folder on "Stamp collecting" & it is advertised there.

Rcd. Holiday Card from BUSINESS KIDS.

Rcd. envelope from "Games Gang" w. the missing "black I," from RED LETTER. Letter from Scot Morris: Card w. Scot & "Jay Leno"; Repros of articles on him in Brazilian publications, abt. VOLLEYBIRD.

Visit from Corns, Ronnie gave me a "video cassette" w. 2 movies. Audrey gave me the following clippings: RECORD - "The Top 25 games on the holiday" - ABALONE (Abalone Games), CLEVER ENDEAVOR (MindGames), COMRADES (Marino Games), DOUBLE CROSSING (Lionel), ENCORE (P.), FAMILY FORUM (Patomike), THE FREDDY GAME (Cardinal), GENDER BENDER (The Games Gang), THE HEADLINES GAME (U.S. Playing Card Co.), HUGGERMUGGER (Huggermugger Co., The), I.D. (MB), OLDIES BUT GOODIES (Baron/Scott Enterprises), PAST LIVES (A.H.), POP OPINION (University Games), RED LETTER (The Games Gang), REMINISCING (TDC Games), SCATTERGORIES (MB), SUPERSTAR LINEUP TALKING FOOTBALL (P.), TALK ABOUT (Pressman), TRAVERSE (Glacier Games), TREASURE QUEST (Family Games), TRIVIAL PURSUIT - THE 1980's (P.), TUNE IN (Marino Games), WEB OF GOLD (TSR), MAXI BOURSE (TSR); RECORD - AN ENCHANTED EVENING; WALL STREET JOURNAL - FIND NORIEGA! (Abracadata Ltd.). We played Ronnie's WORD FOR WORD (complete info on sheet in file); I suggested continuing play and winning by completing a certain no. of "secret words" - he said he had tried that but it didn't work too well; in looking at my new acquisitions we came across WORD FOR WORD (Spellcraft). We played MAVERICK COUNTRY and he liked the new endings. Played one round of HEX-MATCH. Next date 3/3. In MAVERICK COUNTRY added a rule that no "rustling" could be done unless both players involved have at least 5 mavericks in stalls.

Visit from Lawrences. Played HEX-MATCH (pretty sure that I won w. 28 pts.).

Call during day from Felicia, for Olga Sokich's tel. no.

I asked Ronnie Corn if he found the 2 copies of GAMES INTERNATIONAL I reprod for him interesting; yes, but he'd rather get games.

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JANUARY 1970 • ~~SUN~~DAY 7

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Called Ronnie Corn to ask him abt. some jokes he told me yesterday.

BB & I went over our CDs, etc. Prepared new list.

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#120), COMBAT CARDS, TALISMAN & other ads (pg. 72) Thru PLAYTHINGS rcd. copy of ~~SCAVEN SPREE~~ SCAVENGER SPREE. (The Board Room). Audio tape for promotion included, which I kept separate.

To Chemical & Seamen's Banks w. BB.

Call from Felicia abt. TEMPTATION POKER check. Told her I'd call James Pisors if it doesn't come by Weds.

Call from Joe Nikisch. I'll send CHAIN REACTION rules to him by end of this wk. They intend to do BAZAAR II (w. a diff. name) & VENTURE for '91. They haven't gotten to EXECUTIVE DECISION & ANOTHER yet. Their rules for CHOICE call for all using the same dice throw; the English translation Brian Walker used must be wrong. I brought up BLOCKADE and suggested that EMPIRE by itself might succeed; he has been thinking of doing GET THE JUMP (he called it "Jump") by itself. He asked if rcd. the package he sent me - yes (this came on 12/23/89). He said that he did some games for a small co. called "Abacus"; he'll send me copies. I asked, and he's not coming to TOY FAIR this yr., but he expects to come next yr.
In connection w. VENTURE, I thought I remembered calling Tom Shaw & then getting a letter releasing it - but couldn't find anything on this.

Called Jim Mueller ($1.89) & told him I have a dupl. of EXTINCTION. Arranged that he'll send me a check for $55 & I'll mail the copy to him as soon as I get a chance. In conversation mentioned that I invent games; he knows ACQUIRE & has heard abt. SLEUTH.

In talk w. Joe Nikisch he said that they had contacted "the people" abt. the name CHAIN REACTION (which was a puzzle) and were told there is no problem.

Call from Angelo Longo. Set date for 2/6, from abt. ~~1:30~~ to 5 (invited him for lunch but he said no). Kevin McNulty & Dave Gillies will be w. him, & possibly Lee Gelber. Took his answering machine no., just in case - ((516-549-3236)).

Call from Will Shortz. For the article that David Galt is doing they would like to borrow BIG FUNERAL & BEAT THE DRAFT. I'll bring them in next wk.

Rearranged the AGCA mat'l. into 3 file folders. Also put Bruce Whitehall mat'l. into a separate folder.
~~(31¢)~~

Called Rick Hanson. Couldn't be reached & I asked to be called.

Dana has been playing my BOWLING SOLITAIRE. Gave him one of the COMBINATION reports. (Later he told me abt. a change he made. You are only allowed to look at the card after the one you are playing. If a card can't be played it is put aside in a pile that can go up to a max. of 3. Top card from this pile can be played only when the card at the top of the deck can't be played, or of course after the deck is played out.)

In MAVERICK COUNTRY• thinking of limiting a player to 5 spaces from starting space if any mavericks are picked up. But not sure abt. it.

Rcd. AYANU• (Franckh "Spiele Galerie").

Called James Pisors• (47 ℔) to ask abt. TEMPTATION POKER• check. He'll call.
Called Rich Hanson• - another phone & asked to have him call.

Started rules for CHAIN REACTION•. Slow going & played parts of games by myself.
Played CHAIN REACTION• w BB in evening. Thought of including a die to keep track of the number of moves.

BB sent "card" to Don Benge•: thanks for fruitcake; I don't think I have problems w. "Hexagames"- hope his will work out; like to see him ~~at~~ during TOY FAIR•.

Call from David Galt•. Told him that Will Shortz• called me & that I'll bring BK FUNERAL• & BEAT THE DRAFT• next wk. He asked, & I took down the latter & told him abt. it.

Finished the rules for CHAIN REACTION & BB typed ~~them~~. During "ATC" made outline of the board.

Call from James Pisors. Just back from vacation, and the check for TEMPTATION POKER should come by end of next wk. Called Felicia & left message on her machine.

Call from Rich Hanson. We'll probably have lunch on 2/17, but he'll call me on 2/14 in the evening. He mentioned that the "Javits" exhibit will be 4 days, thru 2/19, rather than 3 days. I asked abt. the games of mine they have (see 5/1/89); they haven't been considering games from ~~scratch~~, mainly taking "Ravensburger" games; but they might look at mine again some day; if I want them back they'll send them right away; told him to keep them if there is any possibility; told him abt. THESE UNITED STATES & he said he'd like to see it.
In connection w. the change in "Javits" dates called the "TMA." They'll send me info.
($12,38)

Called Eamon Bloomfield & spoke to him for at least 15 minutes. He is still a consultant at "MB"; if he took a permanent job he'd have to work on things he doesn't want to. The sale of his stove is just abt. set. His mail order business is coming along well; he just bought a large collection of war games for a considerable sum - he spoke abt. the "SPI" games as the valuable ones. He rcd. my package soon after "Essen"; sent me a "thank you" card, which I never rcd. Spoke abt. IT'S A DEAL; he is not doing anything w. it until I tell him it is O.K.; told him abt. David Binnie's interest in it for "P. Europe"; Binnie is in Derek Carver's game group. When he is ready to publish games himself again the one he'd like to do is my HOLIDAY; DAS ERBE DES MALONEY is available in English there, but he doesn't think it is moving. He is not coming to TOY FAIR this yr, unless something happens to change his plans. GAMES INTERNATIONAL came up and #10 & #11 is out; if I don't get them from Brian Walker he'll send them to me; I asked if he is in contact w. Brian - no, he doesn't like him; told him that I'll probably have Brian publish some of my games from GAMES mag. Eamon would like me to send him GAMES mag. copies after those I included in my last package; he also would like dupls. that he can sell. He asked abt. HEY MR. CULLIGAN MAN, which is an American game; he got a copy of the rules and would like the game; told him I never heard of it (& checked diaries as we spoke); I'll check w. Herb Levy on it; he'll send me a repro of the rules. I asked abt. English rules for German games, specifically AYANU; he doesn't have it, or anything else new.

Rcd. ANALOG (3/90). Matthew Costello: STAR BESERKER; CIRCUIT'S EDGE (Infocom) - w. mentions of ZORK & BATTLETECH; INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE - THE GRAPHIC ADVENTURE (Lucasfilm Games) - w. mention of ZAK McKRACKEN AND THE ALIEN MINDBENDERS & MANIAC MANSION, & also MANHUNTER: NEW YORK (Sierra-On-Line).

Rcd. from "TMA": ad sheet for "Business/Legal TOY FAIR seminars"; sheet ~~from~~ w. dates etc. & a card I could send in for having my badge ready when I get there (filed in '90 misc.).

Call from Jeff Conrad, I go there on 2/12 @ 2130. He particularly wants to show me a card game. w. CHAIN REACTION.

To copy machine nr. subway, for 3 copies each of the 2 rules sheets & the board layout ($4.5¢). Put color markings, etc. on the board. Started letter to Joe Nikisch: CHAIN REACTION, ANOTHER, BAZAAR II, WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?.

Called Claude. Company there & will call tomorrow.

From Edith Slotkin red, a MIAMI HERALD clipping on CIVIL WAR (Naji Tueini).

Mailed mat'l. to Joe Nikisch at 10:45 A.M., but pretty sure it was already picked up. Now it will stay till Tues. since mon. is a holiday. Was late because I had to finish the letter & copy it.

Called Robin King (because BB wanted to thank her & pay her for a book she sent). Told her I'm trying to set up a date w. Anne & Claude for 1/19 - will let her know.
Call from Anne & Claude - 1/19 O.K.; called Robin to tell her.

Visit from Phyl & Hal Saperstein. Played a game of HEX-MATCH, which BB won by "going out" 3 times. Then, at Phyl's request, played BLACK JACK for pennies; we lost 22¢. No specific date for us to go there.
Call from Albany while co. here. Spoke to Patrice McFarland who got my no. from Bruce Whitehill. She got a copy of the rules & equip't. for THE LANDLORD'S GAME. Someone (at P.?) said it was not the original. I asked if it referred to "Henry George" - very much so; told her it sounded like the original to me. I mentioned the Quakers playing it & she'd like the article where I got that; told her that I don't have the time to look it up now, but if I come across it I'll send her a repro. She'll send me a repro of the rules she has. Spoke abt. the 1904 patent & the board in AGOG; she'll look for it in a library. Spoke abt. my collection & looking for a home; she is connected w. the state museum in Albany - but it is primarily "natural history."

Patrice McFarland
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Update on GUNS OF AUGUST. Small ad for "West Extension Map" for CIVILIZATION. Article on WAR AND PEACE. Ad for DAUNTLESS - a module for AIR FORCE. Article on BULL RUN. Ad for SPICES OF THE WORLD. Reader report on PLATOON. Ad for MBT (MAIN BATTLE TANK).

To Dale's. Brought Brian the "Construct-All-1000" I bought on 2/5/79. Most of the gussets crumbled so Brian is keeping just a few small parts.

Thinking abt. HEX-MATCH in bed & pretty much decided to reduce the winning scores to 26-23-20.

MON

JANUARY 1990 • [redacted]DAY 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BORN 1929 • 15TH DAY • 350 DAYS TO COME

Card/letter to Steve Jackson•, w. thanks for the clock.
Letter to Cynthia McTyre• (see 8/25/89). Enclosed repro N. COMBINATION•.
Card/letter to Joli Kanisi•: the Abbott's, X-WORD•; FLYING THE BEAM•.
Letter to Rich D'Arcey•: thanks for SUDZ•; invite during TOY FAIR•.

FOURTH PAYMENT LAST YEAR'S INCOME TAX DUE.

Call from Felicia in answer to my message of 1/11. Told her abt. my date w. Jeff Conrad.

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (3/90). Nothing on games.

Rcd. envelope from Val Odhner w. 2 sheets on QUUMP. (Added this to game rcd. on 9/8/89 without really looking at them.)

Rcd. check for $55 from Jim M. Mueller; w. letter (in misc. letters).

Rcd. package from "West End Games" w. PUMPKIN PATCH PANIC - an adventure for GHOSTBUSTERS INTERNATIONAL; THE RANCOR PIT - figures for STAR WARS: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME; sheet on these.

Call from Burt Hochberg. The gal from CHAPTER II has been bugging him. I'll look at it & let him know if it has anything. Looked at CHAPTER II. Altho a take-off from MONOPOLY it has a lot more interaction.

Card/letter to Bryan Mattimore: ESSENER SPIELTAGE, LOTUS mag. - his article.
Card/letter to Mark Setteducati: ESSENER SPIELTAGE; his puzzle; getting together at TOY FAIR & after.
Started letter to Brian Walker.

Packaged EXTINCTION (dupl. of 11/4/70).
While looking for box came across the one in which Richard Hanson returned METROPOLIS to me in '85. Found letter from Rich (into "Discovery" folder on this date); also "Discovery Toys" catalog (added to '85 catalogs). In catalog: MAGIC 4, ENCHANTED FOREST, X FROM OUTER SPACE.

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(Mattel)

AUTOMOBILSPIEL. Ad for LIFE STYLE (Ravensburger); CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL. Article on CARROM - by Uwe Petersen.

Rcd. (in "Victory Games" envelope) THE GENERAL (Vol. 25, No. 5). Ad for TURNING POINT STALINGRAD; for BOWL BOUND, w. 20 all-new teams. "Series replay" of GETTYSBURG '88; variant w. "generals"; variant w. horses - EAST CAVALRY FIELD. Article on 1776. Article on ASL. "Computer Corn on CIVIL WAR"; article on board CIVIL WAR. Expansion map for GETTYSBURG '88. THE BANK ROBBERY - a truly diff. scenario for FIREPOWER. A new scenario for LEE VS. GRANT. Ad for following winners at ORIGINS '89: LEE VS. GRANT, GETTYSBURG, TAC AIR, TOKYO EXPRESS, KREMLIN, FREIGHT TRAIN - a RAIL BARON variant. "Coming Attractions": MARCH MADNESS, WRASSLIN'; NEW WORLDS, REPUBLIC OF ROME, SEA HAWKS. WILDERNESS ENCOUNTER - a variant for OUTDOOR SURVIVAL using counters from YELLOWSTONE. Article on WIN, PLACE & SHOW. Article on DEVIL'S D

(Cont. on 1/13)

Rcd. "flip" booklet from "Fleishman Hillard." Kept page w. info, and that I'll have from them abt. an appointment to see the "MB" line. (Rest of booklet used as a pad.)
Thru PLAYTHINGS rcd. info on CATS 'N' DOGS (Hegman Toy & Game Co.). (In '90 misc. folder.)

Mailed EXTINCTION to Jim Mueller - insured for $60, return card - $4.99.

Spoke to Claude & then to Robin King. Date Fri.

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MAXI-BOURSE, LE GANG DES TRACTION AVANT; "Heinz Taufer" in Austria & strategy games - QUASI, GEOMIX, CO-CO-GAM, KOMPLEX; Wolfgang Kramer's AUF ACHSE, which was game-of-the-year in '87 has sold 500,000 copies. Ads for LIFESTYLE (Ravensburger), TATORT: NACHTEXPRESS (Jumbo), "Was ist der Sid Sackson Touch?": BAZAAR/BIERBÖRSE; WEG DAMIT!/(TAKE IT AWAY); MUSTER II/(PATTERNS II) - W. mentions of Bob Abbott's ELEUSIS/HEUREKA (I.T.) & BARBAROSSA (ASS); VENTURE/WIRTSCHAFTSWUNDER, CARD STOCK MARKET/BLACK MONDAY; DAS ERBE DES MALONEY; picture of CHAIN REACTION box, & of me at SPIELBOX stand. Bound-in catalog of children's games by "Schmidt Spiele". "Test": CONFLIX! (ASS); LIFE STYLE (Ravensburger) - preview by Uwe Petersen; POMPEII (Spiel Exklusiv-Vertrieb); NICHT GEHEUER IM GEMÄUER - by Reinhold Wittig (Edition Perlhuhn); RIOMBO - by R. Wittg (Mattel); A LA CARTE (Moskito); DAS LETZTE KAMEL (F.X. Schmid). Ad for MAESTRO (Hans im Glück). "Essen Ausbeute": pictures of SOLOGAME, 11 MANN HO, WER WOHNT WO?, SCHAU-HIN DELPHIN, CUP FEVER, MEIN HÜHNERHOF, KOMM MIT, MAGIC CLICK, MÜMMELMAN & SÖHNE, CLAC TO, REISE DURCH DIE NACHT; picture of Wolfgang Kramer; mention of many games; picture of FAVORIT. Matl. on CHARISMA (das Spielbox-Postspiel). Contests based on the following games: QUADA (PERI-Spiel), CHOICE (Hexagames), OUTBURST! (K-P-T), BLACK VIENNA (Franckh Kosmos), CAFÉ FOCUS (?). "Das Spielbox-Spiel 1989": FUCHS UND HASE, PIXEL, AU PACKE, NICHTRAUCHER-SPIELS, FUCHSJAGD, OLYMP, BIATHLON-STAFFEL, DOMIGRAM, FLOHEXPRESS, ZAUBERLEHRLING. "Spitzen-Geschenke" (game answers to 4 questions, by diff. people: Me - ACQUIRE/MITTERNACHTSPARTY/PICTIONARY, LOA/FOCUS/GO/ABALONE/EPAMINONDAS, COSMIC ENCOUNTER/TRUMP: THE GAME; others chose ACQUIRE, BAZAAR, FOCUS, & CHOICE. Article on "Hexagames" w. CHOICE, SCHICKERIA, & WILLI WACKER. "Spiele mit Pentakuben" w. BAUEN MIT PENTAKUBEN, MEISTERPUZZLE, RESERVAT, HUSCH-HUSCH INS KÖRBCHEN, PENTAKUBINO, PENTAKUBEN-KIM, FIT IN, PENTAKUBEN-NIM, EINRÄUMSPIEL. Article on "TSR's" STEPPE, KAGE, CHASE, & CROSSE. "Spielwiese": WER WAR'S?, DAS VERRÜCKTE LEXIKON-SPIEL, DIE SIEBEN WELTWUNDER, TRABER DERBY SPIEL. "Besser Spielen": SKYLINE. "Die Schweiz im Spiel" w. pictures of WER WIRD BUNDESRAT?, AUFS MATTERHORN, DAS BLAUE QUARTETT, REISE DURCH DIE SCHWEIZ.

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To GAMES. Left BEAT THE DRAFT & BIG FUNERAL w. Will Shartz; made repros of the rules & cards - just in case. Told Burt Hochberg that CHAPTER II is a take-off of MONOPOLY, but a lot has been added; it might be worth a review if it is actually being published; he wants the phone no. of the gal who has been calling him - will call me for it, in the envelope in the box. Spoke abt. things that he rcd. recently: ONE BAD APPLE (Pressman) - we both knew it was a re-do of BOOBY TRAP - Burt said we may make a mention of the re-issue; ~~ADVANCE~~ ADVANCED HEROQUEST - which is reviewed Matthew Costello in Feb./Mar. GAMES; CHICKEN OUT (P.) (later checked & don't have it - Scott Marley reviewed it in GAMES JUNIOR); SCREEECH (Brainy Toys Inc.) - made repros of complete info - actually it is a direct steal from THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTHE which I told Burt; TREKKERS (World View, Inc.) - made repros of rules & 10 of the cards - told Burt it is too limited in its interest; THE GAME OF GOOD COOKING (A.H.) - made repros of board & rules; AUCTION (A.H.) - told Burt it was a re-do of HIGH BID (by Larry & Pearl Winters); STAR EMPIRES (Stargames) - made repros of complete info - I'm to see if it is worth reviewing; I did make repros of rules for AUCTION (A.H.); PAST LIVES (A.H.) - told him it was all luck. The June/July issue will have an article on computer sports GAMES; I'll probably do BIG BUCKS BASEBALL & BOSS-MAN ~~BASEBALL~~ for that issue. Made 3 repros of STOCK EXCHANGE (P.) info - from '79. Someone called me - was disconnected - & didn't call again (??).

Finished letter to Brian Walker, ESSENER SPIELTAGE. Sent info on SPY, LAST DITCH, & COMBINATION as possible for GAMES INTERNATIONAL. Haven't rcd. "binder" or #10 on. CHOICE, Joe Nikisch; BLACK MONDAY; PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD; HIGH BID, Larry & Pearl Winters. Herb Levy & $23 credit. Derek Carver & BIG FUNERAL rules.

Rcd. issue #9 of WORLD GAME REVIEW: "Special Issue on POLYFORMS" - w. POLYOMINOES, PENTOMINOES, SOMA, etc.

Rcd. SPIELBOX (Heft 6, Dec, '89). Ad for DAS LETZTE KAMEL (F.X. Schmid). Bound-in "Haba" catalog: TIMBERLAND, MAFIOSI SPINOSI (for ages 6 & up?), SCHAU HIN, DELPHIN!, & many children's; KUGULUS, TIEF, TEUFELSKNOTEN, KNOBULUS, KUBIKMÜHLE, NUMERICUS, MATHEMAGIE, KUNGSER, QUADROMINO, DIE ÜBERFAHT; TANGRAM, ANAKONDA, GEBROCHENES HERZ, KREUZELBRECHER, COLORADOS, BRAHMA, HARLEKIN, PYRAMIDOLI, KNÖTERICH, BACKGAMMON, QUO VADIS, TRICKPACK, KÄMPFENDE SCHLANGE, SOLITAIRE, BIMBADO; SENET, PACHISI, ASALTO. ~~SPIELVERLAGE~~ "Spielbox aktuell": "I.T." being taken over by "Euro-Games" - w. COLONISATOR, FIEF 2, ZARGO'S LORDS, AVE CAESAR, game of the year in Sweden; "Jumbo" has taken over "Apex Spiel und Hobby GmbH" - will ad SCRABBLE, DENK FIX!, & ~~ MASTERMIND to classics like STRATEGO & MASTERMIND; Eamon Bloemfield "Spielfreaks Ltd.", FAMILY BUSINESS; JES continuing; 3 new games by Silvia Heinz of "Pyramo-Vertrieb" - COPYRIGHT, CHECKPOINT, QUADROMANIE [actually these are puzzles]; W. PER GIOCHI & GIOCHI mags. dead in Italy there is a new mag. - DADI & C. - - also "Editrice Giochi" is doing LEONARDO; a new exhibit at DEUTSCHEN SPIELEMUSEUM; something abt. Uwe Petersen & a CARROM book; "Schmidt France" - SCHOKO & C

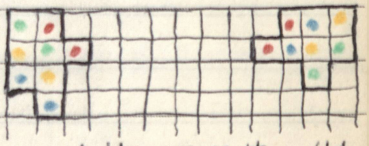
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Call from Phil Orbanes. Larry Bernstein, who came ~~from "MB"~~ as head of marketing, wants to set up his own people so Phil is out. Told him that if there is anything I can do to help, please call on me; he said we might work together on something. Now he is thinking of writing another book.

Rcd. invite to "P." showing on 2/13. Cocktail reception at "F.A.B. Club" together w. "Tonka" & "Kenner." From Chris Campbell; RSVP to Laura Lemiesz.
Called - left message that I'd be there.

Letter to Bernd Brunnhofer of "Hans im Glück": AIRLINE, POTA; MAESTRO, GREY HOUNDS.

By error called Felicia, talked a little.
Called Claude/Anne to say we'd be there later, because of Robin.
Picked up Robin King, then to Claude's. (Ate @ diner.) While Claude rested the 4 of us played HEX-MATCH; Robin found the 9 colors much easier to follow & I thanked her for her idea; the scores ran pretty high. Claude showed an idea for LOA FOR 4. Each player has 8 pcs. which are started in the 4 corners as shown (probably this was not quite his actual positioning). Rules are the same except that it is permissible to move over an enemy pc. Played, w. Claude watching and it was pretty wild. I suggested not allowing a capture after passing over an enemy pc. Played, & it seemed to improve the "wildness."



Message from Jim Mueller: Due to a delay in transferring funds his check to me for EXTINCTION and a no. of others bounced, but my bank may have put it thru again.

To Laurences. Played HEX-MATCH & again the scores were pretty high. Pretty save I'll go back to winning scores of 20-24-28.

Spent a lot of time looking for SPRINGLINE, that I rec'd. from Simi Koplow on 6/2/80. Didn't find it.

BB gave me a page from 2/6/89 NEW YORK w. 6 PUZZLES from article on "New York's Smartest Couple." (Ex '90 misc.)

Rcd. invite for party @ "Western Publ." - on 2/14, 5:30 to 7:00. Sent back "R.S.V.P." card that I'd attend.

Letter from Ilse Baumgarten of "Hugendubel". Thanks for my card, and another book will be coming. Added good wishes from Thomas Kniffler.

Letter from Ernst Knauth, who I met @ Franz-Josef Schmitt's. Would like color repro of THINKING MAN'S BASKETBALL.

Rcd. notice to send AGGA dues & to fill out questionaire. Mention of a member getting copy of George Parker's THE GAME OF BANKING thru an ad in GAME TIMES #11 [but I couldn't locate it ?].

~~Started letter to David Watts~~

Called "Chemical Bank" abt. check from Jim Mueller. They will send it back to me & charge me $4.

Looked at final possible places for SPRINGLINE, but couldn't find it. I started letter to David Watts.

~~Letter to Bill Alexander w. check for AGGA dues ($20).~~

Message on machine from Maria Riva. Call her ~~after~~ 4 at ((570-9232)).

Call from Felicia. Please tell Chris Campbell that she has another party on 2/13 that she has to go to; and get a "P." catalog for her. I asked & she is not going to TOY FAIR at all. Told her I'd get an "MB" catalog for her - and she doesn't want any others. Told her I got the message from Maria Riva, & that I'd call her - they'll be having lunch. Bill Riva wants the English rules for one of my German games, but she doesn't remember which. Told her I'd call James Pisaro if the TEMPTATION POKER check doesn't come by Thurs. I asked her if she rcd. the Jan. issue of PLAYTHINGS - a few days ago.

Call from Mark Setteducati, in answer to my card/letter of 1/16. Spoke a little abt. Essen. He is going to "London & Nuremburg" - at the latter he spends just 2 days (I believe) - all the games are in one bldg. (He stays inexpensively in a private house.) We'll get together @ the "P." party, and set up a later appointment. He asked if I had done any puzzles (why?). Told him abt. "Hallmark" (THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS, FITTING & PROPER?) & the SPECTACULARS - which he said he know. His 3 OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS PUZZLES (NICE DICE, NUMBERS UP, ARROW MINDED) were dropped by "International Games" - who didn't at all explain how they worked - & are now done by "Tedco" (not quite sure abt. this name) - who did a much better job. For "Pressman" he did TRAVEL JEOPARDY, a follow-up to his TRAVEL WHEEL OF FORTUNE, which did very well; we agreed that "Pressman" is not as interesting since Sam Goldberg left. Together w. "John Moschitta" - who talks fast in a TV commercial, and David Fuhrer - who talks backwards, he did a game for "Tiger" - JOHN MOSCHITTA'S MOTOR MOUTH.

Letter to David Watts finished; evening at Franz-Josef Schmitt's, SPRINGLINE, G&P #77, Jim Koplow; CHAIN REACTION, BIG STEEL, "Hexaggmes"; RAILWAY RIVALS / DAMPFROSS, "Games Workshop"; enclosed info on TROMINO GO, S&T.

Letter to Bill Alexander w. $20 check for AGCA dues; ESSENER SPIELTAGE; "Archive" in Germany - search for "home" by Lee & Rally Dennis; my contributing to AGCA archives.

Called Maria Riva and left message on machine.

Call from Ed Kramer who got my no. from GAMES. He is setting up a CRIBBAGE club. Told him I like the game, but just don't have the time. Took his no. just in case ((212-246-6632)).

Call from Matthew Mariani. Invite to ABALONE party at 204 5th Ave. on 2/15 - from 6 to 9 - letter will follow. Spoke abt. variations of ABALONE, but I think we were talking abt. diff things: the use of neutral pcs. & pcs. on top - which I said probably was a gag.

Call from Felicia. BB spoke to her first & told her abt. Phil Orbanes being out at "P."; she mentioned it to me & I said that the new man from "MB" wanted his own team. Maria told her that she just didn't get the chance to call me again, that Bill Riva wants the English rules for Focus. Told her I'd send Domination, w. an explanation
Call from Maria. Bill would like it sent "special delivery" but I told her I'd have to waste time at the P.O. Promised to send it today & she said it should reach O.K.
Decided to send my original Focus booklet. (Found some in box w. P.O. matl., but couldn't find my stock of the booklets.) Added info on the "fast game for 3 and for 4 & a short note.

Call from gal @ "Fleishman Hilard." Set 2/14 @ 11AM. for tour of "MB" & "Hasbro" lines.

Call from Claude (& I asked Anne to get in too). Yesterday's TIMES had an article on a computer game BLOCKOUT, which comes from Poland. It is a follow-up to TETRIS & WELLTRIS. Spoke abt possibly getting together on 2/2; I asked, & he'd prefer not to have Robin King along. He'll save the article for me.

Call from sect. at "Market Force" for my S.S.#. Asked, and spoke to Dan Ferrone. He finally got a chance to demonstrate YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY! & the reception was encouraging. THE NEW JERSEY MATCHMAKER GAME is dead, at least for now.

Rcd. letter from Peter Lemcke of the DEUTSCHES SPIELEMUSEUM, who I met in Essen. Enclosed very attractive "calendar" w. boards & rules for 13 "Spiele aus der guten alten Zeit" w. the following: GÄNSCHEN PASS AUF, FRÖLICHE SCHLITTENFAHRT, VERGNÜGLICHES ZIRKUSSPIEL, MÄUSCHEN, KOMM' RAUS!, FLEISSIGER EINKAUF, DIE LUSTIGEN ÄFFCHEN, DER UNGLÜCKSRABE, DAS VERFLIXTE KLEEBLATT, AUF DEM HÜHNERHOF, BEIM PILZSUCHEN, GÄNSESPIEL, LUSTIGE MÄUSEJAGD, KATZ UND MAUS

Called Matthew Mariani - busy & he called me back. Spoke abt. ABALONE variations. He didn't know it Jan Travers ever called Ed Pegg Jr. (see 11/9/89). They have a no. of variations some from Doris Schwartz who owns "I Love Games Too" in San Clemente, CA. I mentioned possibility of an article in GAMES; he'll prepare a package for me. He mentioned their looking at a GAME where a pyramid was spun (?) and the object was to get a line of your color; he feels it is too close to PENTE. I asked & they are interested in new items; we'll arrange a meeting here after "Toy Fair."

Arranged w. Dana that on late nights at Toy FAIR I'll take express bus to Pelham Pkway., & then to his apt. & he'll drive me home.

rcd. Jan. PLAYTHINGS. Calendar. Ad for THE IN GAME: "CES Product Preview": "Nintendo" - GAME BOY, NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM, TETRIS, ALLEYWAY, SUPER MARIO LAND, SUPER MARIO BROS. 3, PIN BOT, SNAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL, SUPER SPIKE V'BALL, DRAGON WARRIOR, TO THE EARTH; "Space Tech Enterprises" - FRANCHISE FOOTBALL LEAGUE; "GameTek / Fisher-Price" - FIREHOUSE RESCUE, PERFECT FIT; "Spectrum HoloByte" - TANK; "Sega" - GENESIS; "Hi Tech" - WIN, LOSE OR DRAW; MTV'S REMOTE CONTROL, THE CHESSMASTER, THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER, CHAOS AT THE CARNIVAL; "Atari" LYNX system, CALIFORNIA GAMES; "Vic Tokai" - ALL-PRO BASKETBALL; "Acclaim" - DOUBLE DRAGON II: THE REVENGE, CYBERNOID, BIGFOOT, WWF WRESTLEMANIA CHALLENGE, WIZARDS & WARRIORS, KNIGHT RIDER; "NEC TECHNOLOGIES Inc." - ~~TurboGrafx~~ TURBOGRAFX-16 system; "Mattel" - MIKE TYSON'S PUNCH OUT. "Video game market continues to shine": pictures of ARNOLD PALMER TOURNAMENT GOLF (sega), BLUE LIGHTNING (Atari), KING OF THE BEACH (Konami), NINTENDO POWER (Nintendo), BIGFOOT & DOUBLE DRAGON & CYBERNOID (Acclaim); Sam Goldberg of "Acclaim" - KWIRK: THE CHILLED TOMATO; A-MAZE-ING, WIZARDS AND WARRIORS, WWF SUPERSTARS, KNIGHT RIDER; "Konami" - TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES, ULTRA'S SNAKE REVENGE, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, SUPER C - sequal to CONTRA; CASTLEVANIA, ADVENTURE, MOTOCROSS MANIACS, NEMESIS, NFL FOOTBALL, PCs.: SUPER OFF-ROAD (Tradewest); PLAYMAKER FOOTBALL (Broderbund); TWENTY-FOUR (Suntex); "Coleco" reorganization plan; Quotes by Ian McDermott of "FAO Schwarz"; "Proline Products" - FORMULA I, SEA BATTLE, MOTORCYCLE, RESCUE AIR FIGHTER, HUNGRY ELEPHANT, SPACE REVENGER, AIR REVENGER, TANK REVENGER, SHUTTLE VOYAGE, THIEF IN THE GARDEN; CHAMPAGNE ADVENTURE (Buffalo Games); BALANCE OF POWER: THE 1990 EDITION & STAR TREK V: THE FINAL FRONTIER (Mindscape); BLARNEY (Entertainment Production House); new DUNGEON! (TSR). Ad by "Samico" for CIPHAGRAMS (Premier & Jr. Editions). "Classified ad" by "California Chinese Chess Assoc." for reps to handle their games & books: MILITARY CHINESE CHESS, HIDE-N-CAPTURE, ORIENTAL DISC POKER, MINI-MAHJONG, FORMOSAN SYSTEM MAHJONG.

hru PLAYTHINGS (I am pretty sure) rcd. info on ANTE-UP (Corporate Horizons). (In '90 misc.)

all from Felicia - mainly to tell me that she spoke to Laura Lemiesz abt, not going to "P." party, but spoke for half hr. Told her I'll call James Pisors.

alled Burt Hochberg. Gave him tel. # for CHAPTER 11 gal. He is still not sure whether I should review RED LETTER. We also spoke abt. IN OTHER WORDS..., I'll try both of them. (794 ₹154)

alled James Pisors twice. In 2nd call found they were closed down [due to snow storm,

alled Herb Levy. He doesn't have IN OTHER WORDS... or RED LETTER.

From "A.H." he rcd. THE GAME OF GOOD COOKING & a war GAME. From a new co. he rcd. SPECULATION.

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26 FRI WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 1990

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To possibly play tonight looked at IN OTHER WORDS...? & RED LETTER. Also read rules for RACE TO RICHES & found which card was missing in MAFIOSO copy - "Fish Market."

~~To the Levy's. Asked if was TRI~~ Call from Ray Ecke at GAMES, at Burt Hochberg's suggestion. A reader was interested in a copy of TRIVIA TRIVIA; checked & have nothing on it. Suggested Herb Levy as a possible source. Not sure if Herb would want his tel. no. given, so gave him the P.O. Box no.

To the Levys. Asked, and Herb never heard abt. TRIVIA TRIVIA; he doesn't mind if I give out his tel. #. I asked, HEY, MR CULLIGAN MAN, never heard abt. it. Jim Dunnigan is now editor of S&T again - his tel. no. is (212-929-5288) (and btw. 4 to 8 A.M. is best time to reach him). Herb had S&T #132 & the game is IRON CROSS. Quick look at SPECULATION (© '89 - "Cayla Games Inc." - 10 Training Field Rd West Newbury, MA 01985). Played IN OTHER WORDS...? twice; Herb ran away w. the 1st; we were neck & neck in the 2nd. He looked @ RED LETTER but we didn't play it. He gave me copy of winter '90 → GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT: Review of MBT (AH); EUROPE AFLAME (TSR); BATTLE FOR ENDOR (West End); THE COLONY (Mindscape) - by David Smith (the same?); LONE WOLF AND CUB BOARDGAME (Mayfair Games) - by Matthew Costello; WRDZ (WADZ, Inc.); KUBUS (San Serif); SUMMIT (MB) - out of print. "Information Center": "Sleuth Publ's." - 2 sets of additional cases for SHERLOCK HOLMES CONSULTING DETECTIVE - WEST END ADVENTURES, EAST END MURDERS; ESCAPE FROM DEATH STAR coming from "West End"; new from "Electronic Arts" - STARFLIGHT 2, POPULOUS, THE PROMISED LANDS. Next date on 2/23; we'll also arrange to get together at TOY FAIR. ~~Passed~~ Asked, & Herb discarded the P.O. folder w. STAMPIN' - just a rough picture.

Rec'd. FAIRPLAY (nr. 10 winter '89). Ad for AUF ACHSE (FX Schmid), "Pferderenn-Spiele"; JOCKEY (Ravensburger '73); TURF (Spika-VEB Plasticart '80); NECK AND NECK (Yaquinto '81); COMPULSION (Edventure Inc. '78); STEEPLECHASE (Waddingtons '72); WIN, PLACE & SHOW (3M '66); DAS DERBY-SPIEL (Ravensburger '61); FAVORITEN (Walter Müller Spiele '89); FIRST PAST THE POST (Waddingtons '88); DERBY (Schmidt Spiel); TRIO (Carlit '80); DERBY (ASS '79); DERBY-CHAMPION (Peri-Spiele '78); FINISH (Pelikan '75); ACROSS THE BOA (MPH '75); DAS STECKENPFERD (werberspiel "White Horse Scotch Whisky"); GALOPPER-GLÜCKSWETTE (Sailer & Brunner Verl. '88); TRABER DERBY SPIEL (Burk-Verlag '88); ASCOT (ASS '76); HIPODROMO (Dalmau Carles, Pla, S.A.); RENNFIEBER (ASS '88)/ TRAVSPILLET (Alga '88) - by Dan Glimne; TOTOPOLY (Waddingtons '49); "ESSENER SPIELTAGE"; "Noraut" - DEAL ME IN; "schlonz" - SCHLONZ; "Gottfried Werner" - LACH DICH KAPUTT; "Pentakube PENTAKUBEN; "Jeremy Shaw" - DIGITAL DILEMMA, TRINITY, ROBIN HOOD GAME "Olga Intern." - ÜBER DEN BERG ODER DURCH DEN WIND; "Edition Spielkunst" MAFIOSO, ~~ZARLOS~~, ZARLOS, ZARLOS LORDS; "Franjos" - Rudi Hoffmann; MOMOX redone as TRÜFFELN SCHNÜFFELN; "M.B." - HEROQUEST, LIARS DIC "Citadel" - CAMELOT, part 2 of KÖNIG ARTUS SPIELE-TRILOGIE; "Abacu PIRATENBILLARD, WIKINGERSCHACH, DICKE KARTOFFELN; "Walter Müller"-

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While looking thru a box in basement came across my game of SPACESTIX. Moved it to shelf upstairs after reading it over.

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ENTENRALLYE, FAVORITEN; "Play Net"- NASSAUER; "Martin Ebel"- TROPFSTEINLABYRINTH; "Hexagames"- Joe Nikisch; "Schmidt"- ZAPPELFISCH; "Reality Games"- ADMIRAL, GALAXY CHESS; "Moskito"- A LA CARTE; "Krohnland"- THERAPIE (not to be confused w. "MB's THERAPY), COSMIC FLUNSH, FLOHEXPRESS; "Noris"- TWIDDELDUM; "Ravensburger"- LIFESTYLE; "Haba"- TIMBERLAND; "Silver Bear"- ADMIRALS CUP; "Tanfer"- QUASPI; "Mattel"- CAFE INTERNATIONAL; "Wiff"- MAUERN BABYLON; "Ass"- KNIGHT RIDER; KARLCHEN; "Karstadt"- SUPPENKASPER; "Presse"- SPIELBLATT, GAMES, SPIELBOX, SPIELHIMMEL, PÖPPEL-REVUE; "Sammlertreffen"- Me, Ferdinand de Cassan, Franz-Josef Schmitt, Alex Randolph, Friedhelm Merz. Review of TOUR SPIEL; of ICH FAHR' FAHR. "Neuheit Aktuelles": A LA CARTE (Moskito); SCHLONZ (Heindesign das Spiel); TOP ODER FLOP (P.). "Neues"- IM TROPFSTEIN-LABYRINTH / SORCERER'S CAVE. Review of DAS REVOLUTIONSSPIEL VON 1791. Article on SPIELHIMMEL mag. "Kurz berichtet"; Friedhelm Merz gave an ultimatum to Knut-Michael Wolf- if he writes for SPIELBOX, GAMES, SPIELHIMMEL, or FAIRPLAY he'll be out at PÖPPEL-REVUE; reader wants help in identifying JEU DE SURFACES; Eamon Bloomfield & "Spielfreaks LTD". Review of IM 7. HIMMEL (FX Schmid)- w. mentions of JAGD DURCH ENTENHAUSEN by Wolfgang Kramer (ASS). Artical on DAGON CONTRA EL HECHICERO DE LOS REINOS NEGROS- from Spain. Review of DAS LETZTE KAMEL (F.X. Schmid)- w. mentions of ELEFANTENPARADE, 6-TAGE RENNEN, & HIEMLICH & CO. Article on REISE DURCH DIE NACHT & DAS EIERUHR-SPIEL. Review of GUTE FREUNDE (selecta-Holzspiel)- by [illegible] by Alex Randolph; of MAXI BOURSE (didn't like it). Article on "SPIELMALWAS! - Frank R. Walther Verlag": STRATEGIE-T w. TALUS, TURRIS, TURBAT, TETRA, TEXIME, TECOGO!- w. picture of "Das STRATEGIE-T spielbrett"; STRATEGIE-S w. EINS, ZWEI, DREI, VIER, FÜNF, SECHS, SIEBEN- w. picture of "DAS STRATEGIE-S spielbrett, set up for DREI!"; complete rules for EINS!. Review of MONEY (Sala Spiel). "A La carte": MONAD (3M) / DIE 1. MILLION (Hexagames), BATMAN - POKER GEGEN JOKEN, FLUCHTWEG (Jumbo); MERK-MAL (Amigo), MONSTER-SPIEL (Amigo), KUNTERBUNTE TIERPARADE (Ravensburger), MOG-MANN OHNE GESICHT (Noris)- by Alex Randolph, w. mention DR. FUTSCH (ASS). Article on MONEY MONEY (MB). "Spiel im Heft"- my DER GROSSE RENNTAG / THE GREAT RACES. "Fast Food" w. IMAGES (Schmidt), MINUTENMALER (MB), WAS IST DAS (Jumbo)- W. mention of Rob Angel & PICTIONARY. Pc. on ABALONE. Reviews of CHOICE & SUMMA SUMMARUM (F.X. Schmid)- by Gerhard Kodys. Ads: "Schmidt"- IMAGES, OTTIFANTEN, WAS IS'ES?; "Hexagames"- DINO; "Ravensburger"- LIFESTYLE.

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#121). Module for SPACE HULK. Ad for SHADES (Dialcom Direct). Ad for BLOOD BOWL modules, & DUNGEONBOWL. ADVANCED HEROQUEST module. Ad for TALISMAN & many expansions. Ad for TROLLS IN THE PANTRY; HUNGRY TROLL, SQUELCH!, OI! THAT'S MY LEG!; for DEATHWING - SPACEHULK expans.

Played 2 games of SPACE STIX w. BB. It calls for quite a bit of thinking.
Translated the rules for EINS! in FAIRPLAY. Solved the very simple puzzle of black to win, and then came up w. somewhat harder w. white to win. Thinking of a scoring version: 1 pt. for reaching corner by hitting one of opponent's pcs. - 2 for 2 pcs. - 4 for 3 pcs.

Called "Chem. Bank" (see 1/22). No record of the check from Jim Mueller bouncing, so probably it was resubmitted. Rcd. the P.O. card signed by Jim Mueller that he rcd. EXTINCTION.

Rcd. letter from David Pritchard, Listing by name of my CHESS inspired GAMES - he asks for. Also wants rules for FREE CHESS / FREISCHACH in ZWEI NEUE KRIEGSPIELE.

Call from Felicia, She rcd. 4th quarter '89 report from "A.H.": VENTURE - $.36, SLEUTH - $1.32, ACQUIRE - $418.10 → $419.78. My share is $356.81. Told Felicia to keep it, & when I get the check from "Western Publ." I'll send the diff. btw. this & $500.

Called Burt Hochberg. Told him I liked IN OTHER WORDS... & wanted to do a review; he said that I must have misunderstood; a contributing editor - Gloria Rosenthal has been pushing for it & will get it if he decides to do it. I asked then if I should do RED LETTER; probably, but wait until he call me on Weds. He rcd. a package of "University" games: POP OPINION, ASAP (new name for ALVA), TOP CARD, BATMAN. We talked a little abt. "The Game of the Year" that they want to introduce, but we didn't come to any conclusions.

Call from Claude & made date for 2/9. Spoke to Anne abt. Robin King. The reason she doesn't want Robin to feel that she is always welcome. Particularly when John McCallion is here they may just jump on the bus & come over.

Called James Pisors (62 f) - at 6 instead of 5!! He had left already.

Call[illegible] from Robin King. She is leaving for London on 2/10 to see John McCallion for a wk. Told her I'd send her the repros of FREE CHESS that David Pritchard wants - and possibly some other mat'l. - so she'll have an excuse to visit.
Looked thru the boxes of "Repros" on shelf 51, & found complete repros of ZWEI NEUE KRIEGSPIELE. Also found repros of some of the Dutch books on CHESS. Also found 2 sets of "Le Problème des Huit Reines" from [redacted] RECREATIONS MATHEMATIQUES; I once gave one to Claude, but I'll bring him another.
In talk w. Robin she said that John told her abt. an interview w. me in GAMES INTERNATIONAL - how polite I was.

(79¢)

Called James Pisors. The check for TEMPTATION POKER was sent to "I-S" old address, which is on the contract. Told him it was no longer valid, & to have the check sent here, which he said he'd do. I asked, & he'll be at the "Western Publ." party.

Called Burt Hochberg (since we were going out). ~~They played~~ IN OTHER WORDS... last night & it wasn't liked at all; however these were "word" freaks - crosswords, etc. - and they found it too easy; it won't be reviewed. They loved POP OPINION (University Games) and someone will review it. I'm to do RED LETTER for June/July, and he needs it a month from now.

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. He asked if I will be going to the ABALONE party - yes; he'll try to make it. Spoke abt. GAMES - that I was glad not to working w. Scott Manley - but that Burt Hochberg doesn't love games the way Wayne did. He will have a little GAME in the April issue of FAMILY CIRCLE.

Rcd. letter from Brian Walker. Will use my 3 games (see 1/18) one at a time; probably no payment - except the $23 credit w. Hank Levy. Sending another binder.

Rcd. package from Franz-Josef Schmitt w. WABANTI - by Reinhold Wittig (Perlhuhn); letter from Franz inside. On rule sheet ads for CIRCULUS, TRANSFER, SCHNELLE SCHNECKE, & HERENFTAT.

Letter to Wolfgang Kramer w. my reviews of his UNDER COVER & MIDNIGHT PARTY. Asked for listing of his published GAMES.

Rcd. report of 9/30/89 from "Random House". Check for $76.38 - for BEYOND TIC TAC TOE & BEYOND WORDS - foreign.

FRI

FEBRUARY 1990 • ~~TUESDAY~~ DAY 2

GROUNDHOG DAY • PRESENTATION OF THE LORD • 33RD DAY • 332 DAYS TO COME

etter to Dan Glimme. Hope that he'll come to TOY FAIR. ~~Told him a~~
little abt. ESSENER SPIELTAGE - Ferdinand & Dagmar de Cassan.
etter to George Yonekawa: Antonie Marganus, METROPOLIS moulds;
office in New York.

Working on underlining games, etc, I rcd. in '79 came across
PYRAMID CARDS (see 4/28/79) - did I give Ronnie Corn a set w. rules
for 22 games while the one I kept had only 2 games?

Call from Angelo Longo to confirm that he is coming on 2/6. Forgot to ask who else was coming.

While looking for my games, etc. came across 2 to tell abt. to David Pritchard: QUADRACHESS (California Game Comp.-'77-5L); HELIOS: THE GAME OF THE GODS (The Polygon Comp.-'38-34).

To Laurences. Brought copy of Dec/Jan '90 GAMES for Jill, & latest ANALOG for Phil. Played WABANTI; Annette disliked it altho she won-w. help from everyone; other 3 liked it O.K.; played that players always throw 5 dice, altho this is probably not what the rules say. Then, pretty much at Annette's suggestion played HEX-MATCH; I made a score of 11, BB made two 11's; I reduced the winning amt. to 26, and then won w. 15. Now I think I'll go w. 20-23-26 again.

Looking for my card games - have FIVE, NOW OR NEVER, rules for ALL FOR ONE, BANANA BLITZ, rough set for POTA, PE-LING. For David Pritchard: CRESCENDO CHESS (Strato-Various Products - '72 - 63; DJAMBI (L'Impensé Radical - '75 - 63).

Visit from Dale & Phil. Gave the kids the "Humphry Robot" booklet I rcd. quite some time ago. Brian was going to take the "Mego" DOMINO RALLY, but after trying to set it up decided not to.

Call from Felicia, for Herb Roth's home tel. no. Didn't have it, but she knew he was in either ~~Kansas~~ "Nannuett" or "Mannuett"; told her the former was correct.

From "Abalone" red. letter inviting me & a guest to the ABALONE party on 2/15 at "Club M.K." White ball included as admission pass.

Spent more time looking at my games.

Call from Jacy Lockhart, who got my no. from GAMES. He is with TV20 News in San Francisco. They are interested in getting a copy of an old game - VOICE OF THE MUMMY. Found a little into on it in '71 diary. Told him I don't expect to find anything more, but he gave me his nos. - just in case ((415-821-0880-news room)) ((415-524-5998-home)). (Pretty sure) I gave him address for Bill Alexander of AGCA.

Letter to David Pritchard w. rules for FREISCHACH (cut from the repro of ZWEI NEUE KRIEGSPIELE! I got on 11/11/80). Mentioned DSAMBI, CRESCENDO CHESS, QUADRACHESS, & HELIOS; THE GAME OF THE GODS; ~~"King's Library"~~ "King's Library"; Robin King. (In D. Pritchard folder) Also added a short note to Robin.

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& DAVY CROCKETT RESCUE RACE (Gabriel); "S&R" - TROKE (which originally put out by James Brunot as TROQUE), GAME INVENTOR'S KIT (which flopped); THE CATTLEMEN (which we both knew had a flaw) - this & BEHIND THE "8" BALL GAME (new by "S&R" in '69) have pictures of Angelo & family on the covers. Possible games that they saw & feel that they might put out at "Games Gang" - SOTTO, SHOVE IT (Bradford/Cout Design), CARRY! (S&R) - Angelo will contact me after "Toy Fair" abt. maybe working on some changes, for a reduced royalty. Kevin said that they'd like to take over MID-LIFE CRISIS; they tried to get PIGMANIA but couldn't. I gave my HOLIDAY a plug & tried to explain that it wasn't a typical travel game - not much reaction. Their BALDERDASH has sold half a million copies. "The Ungame/Talicor" came up, and they have taken over STAK-ATTACK. "Western Publ." does the publishing of their games; Western gets a fixed percentage (of what? which makes it uneconomical to do low ticket items (?). Barbara saw my copy of LIE DETECTOR (Mattel) and would love to get a copy even tho I said that "Pressman" has a new edition; told her I'd check on it.

Call from Claude just as company came and he was annoyed when I said I'd call back. But o.k. when I did. He suggested a diff. place to eat Fri. - O.K. He has 2 games to show.

Think abt. PATTON to send to Ferdinand de Cassan. Spent some time looking and found a dupl. of "bookshelf" in box from Felicia's office.

TUES
FEBRUARY 1990 • ~~SUNDAY~~ 6
~~FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY~~ • 37TH DAY • 328 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. JEUX (No. 3 - Janvier '90). Ad for KRYSTAL (artefam). "Fiche Test": VOCAL: LE JEU DES CHANSONS) (Ideal Loisirs), MG TURBO CUP (Schmidt); ILLUMINATI (Jeux Descartes) - by Steve Jackson, APPRENTI SORCIER (Evasion Games). "Les Jeux du Mois": PICTIONARY JUNIOR, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, & CASINO ROYAL (Kenner Parker); DESSINEZ C'EST GAGNÉ! (MB); HIT PARADE (Kenner Parker); WARHAMMER: MORT SUR LE REIK (Games Workshop); CLOUDSHIPS AND GUNBOATS (GDW) - for SPACE 1889; CRY HAVOC (Eurogames); HEROIKA (REK); MBT (MAIN BATTLE TANK) (AH); FIRE TEAM (MODERN SQUAD LEVEL COMMAND) (West End Games); LES AIGLES, SUPPLEMENT NO 1 (JEUX DESCARTES). Ad by "Eurogames" for VIKINGS, FIEF 2, ZARGOS, Yom KIPPUR, SAMOURAI, COLONISATOR, OKINAWA, MAI 68: LE JEU, CAPITAINE COSMOS, SIÈGE, CITÉ MEDIEVALE FORTIFIÉE, LA, CRY HAVOC, LITTLE BIG HORN, DRAGON NOIR. PC. on A LA CARTE! (Moskito Games) - by Brian Walker. "Pour ou Contre" on EXTRA-DRY (Grand V). Article on CIVILIZATION w. 2 "variantes" - and mention of "expansion kit" by "A.N." Ad for ABALONE; for CAMÉLÉON (Domoland). "Le Jeu Micro du Mois" - FULL METAL PLANÈTE (Hitech / Infogrames). Ad by "Ludodélire for SUPERGANG, FULL METAL PLANÈTE, & TEMPETE SUR L'ÉCHIQUIER. "Fiche Test": SIMCITY (Maxis/Infogrames); SHERMAN M4 (Loriciel); THEIR FINEST HOUR (Lucasfilm Games), "Microscopie": SWORDS OF TWILIGHT (Electronic Arts); PICTIONARY (Domark); LASER SQUAD (Blade Software); MANIAC MANSION (Lucasfilm Games); HILLSFAR (SSI/TSR); GREAT COURTS (UBI Soft); LANCASTER (Actual Screenshots); CHICAGO 90 (Microids); DARK CENTURY (Titus); LE FÉTICHE MAYA (Silmarils). "Vu et prévu en vrac": ASTÉRIX, LE COUP DU MENHIR (Coktel Vision/Nathan); STUNT CAR RACER (Microstyle/Microprose; ALPHAKHOR (Loriciel); LE COFFRET STAR WARS (?); TENNIS CUP (Loviciel); SAMURAI (Microprose); LE STOS (Mandarin Software / Jawx); PINBALL MAGIC (Loviciel); FLIPPIT (Mandarin Software); JUMPIN'JACK SON (Infogrames); SKIDOO (Tomahawk); DRAKKHEN (Infogrames) - supervisé par Gary Gygax (Infogrames); VETTE! (Spectrum Holobyte); IRON LORD (Ubi Soft); GUN STICK (Ubi Soft). Article on "Tricher" on cheating in a number of games. A series of "Casse-tête" from a book 199 JEUX POUR INSOMNIAQUES by Pierre Berloquin. "Classiques": BRIDGE, ÉCHECS, DAMES, BACKGAMMON, SCRABBLE, TAROT, GO, OTHELLO, HEX (w. rules), ABALONE. "Jeu en encart" - ~~ELRIC~~ ALPAGES: LA GUERRE DES MOUTONS. Ad by "Solaris" for WULFGAR; by "Saul R.E.K." for HÉROÏKA. Article on "Les cartes en Révolution." Ad by "Schmidt France" for LE GANG DES TRACTION AVANT; by "Dragon Radieux Editions" for ARISTA; by "Ubi Soft" for IRON LORD.

Rcd. THE WORLD OF BUSINES$ KIDS/AMERICA'S FUTURE (Vol. 2, No. 1) - nothing on games.

Visit from Angelo Longo, Kevin McNulty, & Barbara Camp (who did something once on children's toys, but now is an expert on make-up). Going thru the collection Angelo did just abt. all the talking from their side. ~~Games~~ Games Angelo had something to do with: HARPOON

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(Cont. on 2/5)

Call from Mike Agrelius inviting me to their booth at "Javits" - #752 - GAME INVENTORS OF AMERICA. His game is ABSTRACTS; told him I recommended it to Scott Mavity, but that he didn't take any of my recommendations.

To make room for TOY FAIR mat'l, moved the mat'l, on the cart (all from '89 I am pretty sure) into 2 storage boxes upstairs and into the paisley room.

Package from Bernd Brunnhofer of "Hans-Im-Glück-Verlag". He returned POTA - but still likes it; suggestions by his friends for adding chips to lessen the luck factor; he returned the model. They played AIRLINE once - good ideas but needs some working out. He'll send me another package w. copy of GREYHOUNDS & English rules for MAESTRO.

Rcd. check for $2,000 from "Western Publ" for TEMPTATION POKER game. Sent check for $193.19 to Felicia. (See 1/29).

Letter from Olga Sokich w. repro of article in THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR on "War Toys." (Filed in I-S folder.)

Call from David Binnie, in Nuremberg for the INTERNATIONALE SPIELWARENMESSE. Arranged that we'll meet at "Press Room" at "Javits" at 5 PM on 2/17. Then we, including Alison Kellett, will come here to look at my collection, and at my GAMES. I suggested his calling when he got to NYC; and he is staying at the "Grand Hyatt Hotel" - just in case. Spoke abt. supper & he doesn't want BB to bother. Since their introduction of FREE PARKING didn't go well (when was it?) they are not going to do IT'S A DEAL (did he say he is returning my model? I brought it up, and he goes for game playing at Derek Carver's on Monday).

Call from "Ray" at GAMES. He is reviewing POP OPINION (University Games) where you keep score by eating pcs. of popcorn. Asked if this sort of things had been done before. Told him abt. the erasor DOMINOS & candy sliding block puzzle in AGOG.

rcd. "form" letter from Phil Orbaneş abt. leaving "P," ~~mentions~~ Lavry Bernstein & Chris Campbell. (In "Orbaneş" file.)
rcd. "Hammacher Schlemmer" catalog, clipped ad for a $2995.00 ELECTRONIC ARCADE ICE HOCKEY GAME.

alled Robin King - to tell her abt. warning abt. possible terrorist actions in Europe on 2/11 - (not that there's anything she can do abt. it). Asked, and she hasn't rcd. the mat'l. for David Pritchard yet.

Last night had dream abt. GAME where Δ pcs. are placed next to each other. Realized that it was "GO" variation. Undoubtedly it has been done, but didn't take time to check.

Letter from Bob Smith (in Australia). Wants repros of SQUARE MILE (M
Phil Orbanes told him he got repros from me, for article in G&P.
Mentions Donald Benge, Eamon Bloomfield, Derek Carver, Brian Mitche

Call from Felicia. She rcd. letter from Bill Riva, including an artic
cle in German showing me playing a GAME and mentioning
CHAIN REACTION; not sure if I know what it is, so she'll send it
to me. Told her I sent her check for her remaining share of
the TEMPTATION POKER money. Tom Shaw sent her info on the
promotion they are doing on BALI and she is pleased with it.
She rcd. the repro from Olga Sokich; told her I did too (see 2/7).
→2nd call from Felicia (she cut off the 1st). The BALI thing she spoke
abt. was the catalog sheet, she is supposed to give Tom ideas for promotion;
she'll talk to Norman Monath abt. it. The German article was abt. "The
Sackson Touch" - told her I had it in SPIELBOX mags. I asked, and she got
Herb Roth's no. thru information.

Call from Robin King. She rcd. letter w. mat'l. for David Pritchard.

To Claude (& ate at Sizzler). He had a GAME where a
checker board was covered w. diff. colored chips. Play for
4, is similar to WATCH, but the various colors of the chips,
which are taken when your pc. moves off have diff. values.
"Killing" the opponent to your right gives a score. (Just a
rough idea.) We played 3 times, w. changes in the scoring,
but it was a bore, as Anne & I said as politely as possible.
Played BANANA BLITZ, and Claude played O.K.; there were no
blitzes. Gave Claude the repro from RÉCRÉATONS MATHÉMATIQUES
(see 1/29). Both forgot abt. the TIMES article on BLOCKOUT (see 1/24).

Letter from Franz-Josef Schmitt. Thanks for my card. Games he would like: "Sid Sackson games" - and he sent list of those he has; "3M games" - STAC TAC TOE, NIMBI, FRANTIX, JATI, MR. WHO, THINKING MAN'S BASKETBALL, REGATTA w. 3 part board; MEM (Stelledar, Inc.). Asks for a list of GAMES I want. w. his card - put in '90 pile.

Letter from Joe Nikisch. Enclosed catalog sheets on new games from "Hexagames": DIGGING, SAHARA, HAITHABU, DRACHENLACHEN - by Reinhold Wittig, RÖMER, GESPENSTER - by Alan Moon - under license from "A.H."; CHAIN REACTION - by S.S. - no picture. He will send the games to me at end of Feb. Looking forward to my sending games to him. ((317-844-3093))

Call from Jerry Roberts in Indianopolis. He played BAZAAR w. a friend and went to a store to try to get a copy. The storekeeper gave him my tel. no. & address. Told him that "Discovery Toys" is publishing it, but he wants the original. Suggested $30 and he said "fine." He'll send me a check and when I get it I'll send him the game - complete but not necessarily unused. Later figured that the storekeeper must be an AGCA member.

Visit from Laurences. At BB's suggestion, Phil & I played SPACE STIX; I was "Even" and won; realized that "Even" very probably has an advantage. The 4 of us played BANANA BLITZ - again no blitzes. (Later thinking of reducing the no. for a blitz from 12 to 11. Also thinking of reversing the scoring - w. winning by reaching 50, or the game ending when a player is reduced to zero.)

Looked at the various HEARTS variations in THE NEW COMPLETE HOYLE.
BANANA BLITZ is quite diff. from any of them.

Rcd. 1 copy of 3/90 GAMES. "Gamebit" on BATTLE TECH (Environmental Simulations Project-ESP-Corp.). Results of CHAMELEON CHESS contest. Reviews of WRDZ (WRDZ Inc.), WEB OF GOLD (TSR), VARIANCE (Dash, Inc.). "Video Games": GENESIS VIDEO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (Sega of America) - ALTERED BEAST, GHOULS 'N GHOSTS, SUPER THUNDER BLADE, TOMMY LASORDA BASEBALL; TURBOGRAFX-16 (NEC Home Electronics) - BLAZING LAZERS, ALIEN CRUSH, POWER GOLF, KEITH COURAGE IN ALPHA ZONES, LEGENDARY AXE, DUNGEON EXPLORER. "Small ads": WORLDS AT WAR! (Lyric-IG); SQUARE DEAL (Matye Enterprises), ROLLOUT, SUPREMACY, TUG OF WORDS (Letterguys); GAMERS ALLIANCE; EXODUS (Grenade Games). Ad for PIPE DREAM (Lucasfilm Games).

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17 SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 1990

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50TH DAY • 315 DAYS TO COME

Call from Klaus-Dieter Kilz. Very pleasant, but he'd ~~like~~ to have THE COLOR OF MONEY within 10 days. Told him I'd have it to him, but the model would be rough; that's O.K. Told him of call last wk. from Dagmar de ~~Sattr~~ Cassan.

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS (Feb.'90). Ad by "Western" for ANYBODY'S GUESS & others, Pc. on "Innovative Design of Australia" w. STAR WARRIOR (pg. 80), Pc. on "International Games" w. BAHA & others (pg. 94), Pc. on "Samico" w. CIPHAGRAMS (pg. 96), Pc. on "Bilou" w. ORBIS (pg. 96)-card*, Pc. on "Mayfair" w. EURORAILS (pg. 106), Ad for "Serif Games" (pg. 115), Pc. on "Invex" w. SLOTS'N DOTS (pg. 116), Pc. on "TSR" w. ELIXIR, DUNGEON, WEB OF GOLD, MAGE STONES (pg. 124), Pc. on "NBA Advertising" w. CINEMA CHARADES (pg. 136)-card*, Pc. on "Intromark" w. THE EVOLUTION GAME, MAFIOSO, PROSPERITY ROUTE ROLLER (pg. 138)-card*, Pc. on "British Toymakers" w. "Octogo Games"- HAGAR'S CLOG GAME, BULLS-NIT, WHERE ON EARTH, OCTOGO, TENACITY, COUNTERSTRIKE (page 144), Pc. on "Spectrum Holo-Byte" and WELLTRIS by creator of TETRIS (pg. 154), Pc. on "Patomike" w. VANITY CHASE, WHAT'S UP DOC?, THE CATAGORY GAME (pg. 156), Pc. on "Rainy Day Designs" w. STAMPIN' (pg. 156), Pc. on "PIJ Enterprises" w. RASCAL: THE GAME (pg. 168), Pc. on "The Huggermugger Co." w. HUGGERMUGGER: THE MYSTERY WORD GAME & HUGGERMUGGER: THE MYSTERY WHEEL-SPORTS EDITION (pg. 172), Pc. on "Infinity Games" w. BAMBOOZLE, FARKLE, WORD FOR WORD, DOUBLECROSS, ON THE SPOT (pg. 180)-card*, Pc. on "Clubhouse Games" w. CLUBHOUSE BASEBALL (pg. 182), Ad by "Mega Games, Inc." for MEGACHESS/MEGACHECKERS (pg. 184), Ad by "Bilou Inc." for ORBIS (pg. 234), Pc. on "Pi" w. CLAIM TO FAME & others (pg. 239), Pc. on "Gripper Productions" w. NAMEDROPPERS: THE INITIAL NAME GAME (pg. 246) card*. (Note: finished going thru this on 4/24 & sent out card.)

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA #317 (Jan/Feb '30). Phil Cohen now working in Westchester & living in White Plains - ((914-683-0873)). Mentions joke by Robin King; giving John McCallion a stack of mags. to give to David Pritchard for his ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHESS VARIATIONS. Annotated game of CATHEDRAL; of KNIGHT-RELAY CHESS btw. "Tony Gardner" & John McCallion.

Letter from David Pritchard; Robin King/John McCallion; part FREISCHACH missing; has QUADRACHESS & DJAMBI; would like HELIOS; THE GAME OF THE GODS & CRESCENDO CHESS; NOST convent & possible trip to "White Library" in Cleveland.

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56TH DAY • 309 DAYS TO COME

o "UPS" & sent the model of TRADE WINDS to Klaus-Dieter Kilz @ "Franckh-Kosmos" - $37.00. It will arrive in 2 days.

Wrote review of RED LETTER.

Rcd. letter from George Yonekawa, "SYU Creation Co." will license my METROPOLIS, w. 5% royalty, $1,000 advance being sent.

To GAMES. Gave Burt Hochberg my review of RED LETTER; in future reviews he wants more of my reasons for liking a game; we discussed what he'll add to this one. Returned CHAPTER II (Dash Martin Assoc.); made ~~4~~ repros of complete info. Made the following repros: CHECK POINT (Xela International) - pretty complete; CONNECTIONS - pretty complete; BACKSCRABBING (C-Games) - rules only - Burt said it looks good but he is waiting for a more finished product - I asked & he said he'll get one for me too; JOHN CAMPBELL'S CLASSIC HARNESS RACING (Matterin Enterprises) - rules only - Burt said it looks good. Burt had some info from Daniel Hyman abt. PU-KUR, a Chinese game but it can be played w. a regular deck; Hyman's letter mentions KILLER, another card game; made repros. Checked w. Burt & then called Diane Cocroft at "TSR" (see 2/14): She'll send DRAGONLANCE to Burt & to each of us BULLWINKLE AND ROCKY - now; ELIXER is set for end of March (but catalog says May - ?) & MAGE STOVES for end of June; she asked me to call her abt. them when they are due. Called Sherry Bale at "Tiger" (see 2/13) - she said that I called her before, but said with "Toy Fair" it was very understandable; she rechecked where to send copies of SHOOT & SPELL, MOTOR MOUTH, & NOTABILITY to Burt & me. Took copy of GAMES SPECIAL EDITION (Mar/Apr '90 - Vol. 4 no. 2) - no special name for this one; also took a dupl. Also took 3 dupl. copies of March '90 GAMES.

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Called Corns (to ask abt. present for their grandson). It came up that we thought our date there was on 3/3; they had it for 3/10; we agreed on 3/17.

Jack Jaffe mentioned calling John Vernon, at the no. I gave him last yr. John sounds very depressed. (Drove Jack to sta. @ Pelham Pkway & White Plains.)

After talking to Burt Hochburg tried to get someone abt. a subscription for Thomas Ryan. When they didn't call back I just mailed him a card from the latest GAMES, w. a short note.

Again w. Jack Jaffe - I mentioned not getting copies of GAMES INTERNATIONAL from Brian Walker. He'll mention it when he sees Brian, but he's sure that if I write to Brian it will be taken care of. He mention a Dutch game collector; I said Fred Horn - yes (see '88).

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Call from Bob Pope (P.O. Box 166, Naramata, B.C. V0H 1N0, Canada) who got my number from Lou Zocchi. He has done a "fun" game called BODY COUNT-THE MOVIE ACTION GAME, which he is trying to place. Told him to try Canadian cos., that for the U.S. he'd need an agent - gave him info on Larry Mass. He has been spending a lot of money on "protecting" his idea; told him I didn't and never had a problem from any co. (He called yesterday while I was out.)

From Joli Kansil rcd. repro of article in HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN on his meeting Alexey Pazhitnov, inventor of TETRIS & DIEMINO; QUINX, ZIG-ZAG. Note on Phil Orbanes leaving "P."

Rcd. dupl. of letter from Kenneth I. Busch of "Orda." (Discarded.)

Rcd. notice that $2,132.63 was credited to checking account, from "Ravensburger" for DAS ERBE DES MALONEY (see 2/23). (Checked the previous royalty & nothing was deducted for German taxes.)

Rcd. WHITE DWARF #122, Nothing on board games.

Called Burt Hochberg (when he didn't call, as he said he would yesterday). Gave him addresses for BIG BUCKS BASEBALL so that he can see if they are still around.

Rcd. "UPS" package from "International playthings" w.: BALANCE, BIG, BIGGER, BIGGEST, ROBIN HOOD, ENCHANTED FOREST - by Alex Randolph & "Michel Matschoss."

Visit from Jack Jaffe w. copy of his IN THE MONEY, which he showed us a little of (later discovered that a brown pawn was missing and replaced it w. one from the basement). (Also brought a box of Belgian candy). He saw Michael Duby during "Toy Fair" and Duby told him that "Hexagames" did a game without permission and he is suing them (??). Jack & I started a game of SAVE THE PRESIDENT (while BB spoke to Annette); I found that I liked it a lot better than the multi-player game, & told him I'd tell Burt Hochberg who is considering doing a review. Showed him the issue of DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE on me and he asked for repros of the listing of my games; took his card so that I can send them to him ((9 Avenue Road, London NW2 8PY --- 01 445 7787)). I mentioned not getting copies of DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE; he's sure that if I inform Friedhelm Merz he'll take care of it. Showed him CHAIN REACTION; we played a game which he won w. a little help; gave him a copy. He is mad at Wayne Schmittberger for not wanting to review SAVE THE PRESIDENT because of the theme. He tried to place it w. "A.H."; Tom Shaw said the testers claimed it was no fun, but one he met loved it; Tom suggested he speak to Dan Greenwood, who gave him absolutely no courtesy at all.

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Rcd. check for $30 from Jerry Roberts (see 2/10). Looked for copies of the "3M" BAZAAR & only could find 3, and record of one from a sale w. pcs. missing.

Call from the Souciés. Date to go there on 3/16. I asked, and Anne said they'll invite Robin King & John McCallion separately (not enough room for 6). Anne would like to go to a Health Fair on 3/24 w. BB while Claude & I go to a flea market. Told her I'd have BB call her.

Call from Eric Unger ((1204 E. Woodlawn St./Apt. 301, Allentown, PA 18103 -- 215-437-0706)), who got my number from Burt Hachberg. He was interested in a game ARKHAM HORROR. Checked and I didn't have it, but found it was by "Chaosium" and gave him their address. Also found that it was reviewed in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT & gave him address & tel. no. I mentioned AGCA, and he asked for their no.

Rcd. "UPS" package w. WHAT'S UP DOC? (Patomike, Inc.). It is for ages 4-8 (??).

all from Mickey Bromley in Canada ((604-383-3699)), who got my no. at GAMES. He has a GAME that is very popular in schools that he'd like to place. Told him the usual abt. problems & suggested trying Canadia cos. first.

Letter from Matthew Costello. He has contract w. "John Wiley & Sons" to do THE GREATEST GAMES OF ALL TIME; a follow-up to his THE GREATEST PUZZLES OF ALL TIME. He'd like to devote a chapter to me & my collection; and to include something from AGOG.

Call from someone (didn't catch his name) at GAMES who asked abt. a board game from yrs. ago called THE LICENSE PLATE GAME. Told him I'd check & for him to call back. Pretty sure it was GET THAT LICENSE (S&R). He never called.

Rcd. package (probably UPS) w. VERBIAGE (Thinking Publications) - dupl.

Letter to Klaus-Dieter Kilz: THE COLOR OF MONEY / TRADE WINDS, Dagmar de Cassan; rcd. AYANU; not ARBORA-WALDLEBEN, LOCOMOTION, BREMER STADTMUSIKANTEN, RONDA MAGICA, JANUS, & FORUM ROMANUM.
Letter to Brian Walker: SPY, LAST DITCH, & COMBINATION; GAMES INTERNATIONAL, Essen interview, Bob Abbott; Claude Soucie, BIG FUNERAL / SCHICKERIA, Derek Carver; Herb Levy, $23 credit.

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Ad by "TSR" for DUNGEON!, ELIXIR, FANTASY FOREST, WEB OF GOLD.

Rcd. letter from Wolfgang Kramer. My MIDNIGHT PARTY & UNDER COVER reviews. Included list of his published games; he marks the following as his favorites: SOUP, FORMEL 1, IN 80 TAGEN UM DIE ERDE, FORUM ROMANUM, HOLIDAY AG, TERRA TURRIUM (his favorite!). Of mine, FOCUS & ACQUIRE are his favorites.

Called Mel Bush and set up date to go there on 3/21.

Called Angelo Lenge. Spoke to him a little & then he connected me to Meg McGinity to request review copies. She'll send BALDERDASH, CLEAVER ENDEAVOR, QUICK WIT, & PICTIONARY JUNIOR now; CUE ME!, TEMPTATION, & THE GAME OF SNIGLETS will be ready later.

Call from John Cassidy. I'll be getting questions [redacted] on THE BOOK OF CLASSIC BOARDGAMES from MaryEllen Podgorski, and he'd like answers ASAP. Told him I'm very busy now, but will do my best. Actually, he was mainly interested in whether he could put a "board" on the cover of the book that had spaces like MONOPOLY - would "p" sue? Told him that there were many commercial games like that; he asked me to look some up, & he'll call me.
Prepared the following list, w. where to locate them: BULLS AND BEARS (Mario Fischel Games), PERSONAL PREFERENCE (Broderbund), BOX OFFICE (Cu-

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Called Matthew Costello. Told him that, since ALOG might be republished, I'd rather that he use one of my games from GAMES, or I can do a new one. He'll call towards end of April to set a date for him to come here.

From "Hugendubel" rcd. DIE 7. SEITE DES WÜRFELS, by "Jürgen D. Buchenmatth" - forward by Alex Randolph.

Rcd royalty statement from "Hexagames": CHOICE - 77.65 DM, BLACK MONDAY - 674.29 DM, DIE 1. MILLION - 1,091.12 DM; check for 1,843.06 DM. (Advance for CHAIN REACTION still not here.)

To Dale's. Brought along SUPERSTRUCTURE & played a number of games w. Brian. Phil gave me repro of rules for ROLLER COASTER (placed in "P." file) and the following clippings: article in STAR-LEDGER on "Frances Tavern" w. picture of box for BULLS AND BEARS; THE GREAT WALL ST. GAME (McLoughlin Bros.) and something on it; article in COIN WORLD (periodical) on THE GAME OF NUMISMANIA by "Richard J. Reed."; article from (?) on TOY FAIR: "TDC" - REMINISCENCE, COACH POTATO; "New Age Books & Games" - MIND TO MIND (Uri Geller's), CHURCH; SEEK PHYSIQUE (?); GORBACHEV (MB); JUST SAY NO (The Games Gang); MID-LIFE CRIS (?); OFFICE POLITICS (Office Politics Inc.). Called Mel Bush & he called back; spoke abt. how to do the contract w. Phil for the money we are loaning him.

Message from Donald Benge. Problem w. a "Hexagames" check that bounced a yr. ago. He'll call again when he gets back from Las Vegas.

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(West End), FANTASY FOREST (TSR), IQUEST (Serif/Gameplay), TIBBITS (Tibbits International) - card*, JOURNEY TO THE NORTH POLE (Rivercrest), BLARNEY (Entertainment Prod. House), THE GAME OF SNIGLETS (The Games Gang), CLEAVER ENDEAVOR (Mind Games), Assortment of "Marind" Games, JUST US GIRLS GAME (Cardinal), THINK FAST GAME (International Games), CIPHAGRAMS (Samico), MAGNETIC DIMENSIONS (Sicommerce), SQUARE WARS (The Idea People) - card*, ROBIN HOOD (Ravensburger), TRI-VERSITY (Virsity Games) - Card*, BAMBOOZLE (Infinity) - Card*, IN (Meant to Be Games) card*, THIN ICE (Pressman), GORBACHEV (MB). Ad by "Global Games" for FLIMFLAM & DOUBLECROSS - card*. Ad for HEXADECIMAL PLAYING CARDS (Derwin Playing Cards). Pc. on "LJN/Enteractive Line": For "Nintendo Entertainment System" - THE UNCANNY X-MEN, PICTIONARY, BEETLEJUICE, BACK TO THE FUTURE II/III, BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT VIDEO GAME ADVENTURE, A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET, THE PUNISHER; for GAME BOY - BEETLEJUICE, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, NBA. Pc. on "RJ Co." w. BLACK TUBE. Pc. on "Binary Arts" w. METRO, SUBWAY, HEX MIND-TEASERS - card*. Ad for "marino group" showing many of their boxes. Ad by "Mayfair Games" for EURORAILS. Pc. on "Aristoplay Ltd." w. POLLUTION/SOLUTION & PYRAMIDS AND MUMMIES - card*. Pc. on "Absolute" w. their game for "Nintendo Ent. Sys." - A BOY AND HIS BLOB. Ad for WAYNE GRETZKY'S OVERTIME HI

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Called Herb Levy. Spoke abt. TOY FAIR. He is going ~~to feature~~ SHUFFLE in his next issue. Also probably SPECULATION (Cayla) - which we'll play when they come here on 3/23.

Called Claude & Anne. Made date on 3/16. I asked abt. Robin K. & John; Anne feels that 6 is too crowded so she'll see them separately.

Rcd. BULLWINKLE AND ROCKY (TSR) by "UPS" - read the rules.

Letter from Peter Schmid. Left early due to illness. Will be in for STATIONERY SHOW & will call me.
Letter from "Chemical Bank" that $988.00 was credited (A 12 fee, altho this was not stated) - from "SYU Creation."
Letter, addressed to me & GAMES mag., on CATRAT - a wireless "Movit." (How come?) (Filed in '90 misc.) The co. is "Owi Inc."

Called Tom Shaw. Out of town, returning weds. Asked for him to call.

Came across note on 7/22/89 that Jim Winslow got 6% royalties from George Yonekawa.

Call from Burt Hochberg. Forgot the skill/luck & easy/hard figures I gave him for RED LETTER. Spoke abt. BOSS-MAN BASEBALL (they have a no. of them) & BIG BUCKS BASEBALL (he requested me) and I'll probably do a joint revue. He played WORD FOR WORD (Spellcraft) & found that it just was unplayable - the use of the "stops." He played INTUITION, and altho it lasted 4 hrs. they just didn't want to stop.

Started thinking abt. a "basic" PE-LING & (after some ideas tomorrow) came up w. the following. Only the player going out scores - 2, 4, or 8 depending on the value of each meld. For all the same class or one of each class double the total value. 48 pts. win (so 3 honor melds would win). Do not use doubling melds. (in 3 classes) (Later decided to limit wild cards to 1 per meld.)
In talk w. Burt Hochberg I mentioned BLACK MONDAY/LUNDINOIR as having the worst rules ever. They got a revised set, which was no better.

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& OMEGA (back of front cover),
Rcd. March PLAYTHINGS & clipped the following. Cover w. picture of (New) DUNGEON. Feature article on "Adults put games in winner's circle": SCATTERGORIES, JENGA, OUTBURST, (1980's) TRIVIAL PURSUIT, ENCORE, BALDERDASH, HOW TO HOST A MURDER, GENDER BENDER, ABALONE; MONOPOLY, CLUE, LIFE, TWISTER; TRUMP: THE GAME; PICTIONARY, WIN, LOSE OR DRAW; "Western" - ANYBODY'S GUESS, GIRL TALK, OUTBURST; "Games Gang" - Kevin McNulty, PICTIONARY, BALDERDASH, CLEAVER ENDEAVOR; "University Games" - Bob Moog, BATMAN, ASAP; "TSR" - Jack Beute[illegible] DUNGEON; THE GAME SHOW (store); JENGA; "Pictures" - ABALONE, FLEA MARKET (Fact Games), I.Q. TEASER (Venture Puzzles & Games), SPEECHLE[illegible] (Buffalo Games) - card*, IN OTHER WORDS (Spokadena), VANITY CHASE (Patomike), GENERATIONS (Geneology for Fun), HUGGERMUGGER - card*; SNAPSHOT (Cadaco) - card*, DICK TRACY GAME (University Games), ANYBODY'S GUESS (Western) - card*, ESCAPE FROM THE DEATH STAR

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To "Chemical Bank" w. check from "Hexagames" (see 3/3). "Sold" it for $1076.34.

Called "Pantheon" to check on whether AGOG is in print. After 2 calls was given a third where I spoke to "Stacy" ((212-572-2404)). She said it was not in the current catalog; she'll check and call me back. Later got call from Luisa Siepi ((Pantheon Books, 201 East 50th St. 10022)). AGOG is definitely out of print. I asked, and I can write to her to get a written confirmation. I mentioned that when my other books went out of print I was sent a box of each one; she said she'll see if there are some copies around to send me.

Packaged the 2 TOY FAIR Directories and sent them airmail to Bill Riva in Switzerland ($18.76); sent AGOG (Castle edition) to John Cassidy at "Klutz Press" ($1.25).

Realized that a 1099 was necessary for BB. Called Mel Bush (twice) & he'll take care of it. (The 2nd call was in case my original message didn't make it clear not to send one for Dana.)

Called Robin King. We'll be witnesses at their civil marriage at Queens borough hall on 3/22.

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"Flying Turtles" w. SHARK, CHICAGO, KALAHEN; COMMOTION; USUTHU! (Valhalla Games); CHAINSAW WARRIOR (Scorpio), Stephen Hand, ESCAPE FROM DEATH STAR (West End); AIR SUPERIORITY (GDW), AIR POWER Mag; 100-sided die (Lou Zocchi); LONE WOLF AND CUB (Mayfair Games); FIFTH FLEET (Victory), "A.H." - NAPOLEON'S BATTLES, WRASSLIN', NEW WORLD by Derek Carver, SEA HAWKS by Richard Berg, PAYDIRT, BOWL BOUND; CUP FEVER. "Wargame Reviews": EUROPE AFLAME (TSR); USUTHU! (Valhalla Games); A HOUSE DIVIDED (2nd Edition) (GDW); TURNING POINT: STALINGRAD Expansion Kit (A.H.); "Reviews of Role Games": DAWN OF THE EMPERORS (TSR) - for D&D; SPELLJAMMER (TSR) - for AD&D. Ad for EN GARDE! (SFCP/GDW); GHOSTBUSTERS INTERNATIONAL (West End). "Computer Game Reviews": ~~[illegible]~~ WAYNE GRETZKY HOCKEY (Bethesda Softworks); REBEL CHARGE AT CHICKAMAUGA (SSI/US Gold); FULL METAL PLANETE (Infogrames); STAR TREK V - THE FINAL FRONTIER (Mindscape). "Soccer Special": SOCCERBOSS, FOOTBALL MANAGER; FOOTBALL DIRECTOR II (D&H Games), FOOTBALL 88 (Budgie UK), FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR (Kixx), SUPERLEAGUE SOCCER. "Bits": "SSI" - BATTLES OF NAPOLEON, CHAMPIONS OF KRYNN, POOLS OF RADIANCE; "US Gold" - KNIGHTS OF CRISTALLION; "Electronic Arts" - EMPERIUM; "SSG" - PANZER BATTLES, GOLD OF THE AMERICAS; "Mirrorsoft" - AUSTERLITZ, HARPOON, WOLF PACK; "LucasFilms" - BATTLEHAWKS 1942, THEIR FINEST HOUR; "A.H." - THIRD REICH; "SSI" - NEUROMANCER; "Mindscape"; LIFE AND DEATH, WINDWALKER, HARLEY DAVIDSON; "Accolade" - BLUE ANGELS, DAY OF THE VIPER. Ad for CUP FEVER (Jackabee Services). Ad by "Mindscape International / Origin" for KNIGHTS OF LEGEND

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From Matthew Costello rcd. his THE GREATEST PUZZLES OF ALL TIME (Prentice Hall). Note that he'll see me in April.

At "Senior Center" had repro made of the CAN'T STOP, reduced to get it on one sheet. First was very small (but I'm keeping it) and the 2nd was quite readable. (25¢ donation)

Started letter to Antonie Marganus.

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Workshop) - w. references to WARHAMMER. Article on "Sherlock Holmes" games: CLUEDO & SLEUTH - nothing to do with "S.H." except the artwork; SHERLOCK HOLMES (P.-1904), BRINGING SHERLOCK HOME (Heyday House - '35); SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE GAME OF THE GREAT DETECTIVE (National Games - '56), MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY GAME (Ideal '67), SHERLOCK HOLMES (Minimodels - '69), THE SHERLOCK HOLMES GAME (Cadaco '74), ADVENTURES WITH SHERLOCK HOLMES: A NEW DETECTIVE GAME (Steve Franklin - '76), 221B BAKER STREET (Antler Productions/Hansen - '75 - Gibsons Games), 221B BAKER STREET VIDEO GAME; UNDEAD (Steve Jackson Games - '81), JACK THE RIPPER (Aulic Council/Sleuth - '83); SHERLOCK HOLMES CONSULTING DETECTIVE (Gary Grady & Suzanne Goldberg '81), THE MANSION MURDERS, THE QUEEN'S PARK AFFAIR, ADVENTURES BY GASLIGHT, EAST END ADVENTURES, MURDER ON THE LIVERPOOL EXPRESS; ELEMENTARY WATSON (Phoenix Games - '78); VICTORIAN ADVENTURE (Stephen K. Smith - '83); MERCENARIES, SPIES, AND PRIVATE EYES (Michael Stackpole); CTHULHU BY GASLIGHT (Chaosium - '86), LONDON BY NIGHT - ADVENTURE IN A VICTORIAN CITY (Ragnarok Enterprises - '84). Ad by "GI" for À LA CARTE TRABER DERBY, FAVORITE. Bruce Whitehill: HANGMAN (MB), SUSPENSE (Northwestern Products); HI-Q, GEM SOLITAIRE, THE CRYSTAL SOLITAIRE LIAR'S DICE (MB); MOUSETRAP; OTHELLO/REVERSI/THE GAME OF ANNEXATION, ANNEX, A GAME OF REVERSES; YAHTZEE, YACHT, Samuel Lowe (Bruce is mistaken - see THE COMPLETE BOOK OF GAMES); GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS; GAME OF THE STATES, CANDY LAND, RACKO, STRATEGO, OPERATION, PASSWORD, SIMON, TWISTER; UNCLE WIGGILY (MB/P.); THE CHEQUERED ~~GAME OF LIFE~~ GAME OF LIFE; THE GAME OF LIFE; PARCHEESI, THE GAME OF INDIA, PACHISI, INDIA, HOME POLLYANNA, LUDO, SORRY; SCRABBLE, Alfred Butts, James Butts; WORDY (Pressman). Long article on CIVILIZATION. Article by Derek Carver on MEDITERRANEAN (P. - '74/5) - which is ROME ET CARTHAGE (Miro - '54). "Variants": AXIS AND ALLIES (MB/Nova); TROPPLE - TOPPLE for 3; DANGEROUS CARGOES for AUF ACHSE (FX Schmid). "GI Index" of all games in issues 1 to 10. "Desert Island Games" by "Ian Marsh": ILLUMINATI (Steve Jackson), PIT (Waddingtons), CIVILIZATION (A.H./Tresham/HP Gibson), BRITANNIA (Gibsons/AH); JUNTA (West End); LA GRANDE ARMÉE (SPI), WELLINGTON'S VICTORY, NAPOLEON'S LAST BATTLES; TRIVIAL PURSUIT, PICTIONARY, CHARTBUSTER (ASL); THE FURY OF DRACULA (Games Workshop), KINGS AND THINGS (G.W.), CHILL BLACK MORN MANOR, "West End's TALES OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. "News": Ty Bomba, SET, COMMAND BLITZKRIEG '41, IRON CROSS '92, WHITE EAGLE RISING; CONAN VS GLASNOST (Steve Jackson Games); OTHERWHERE QUEST (Book by Mayfair);

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Call from Jon Shaw, in answer to mine of Monday. He found the "GAMA" show in Los Vegas interesting. He met Jack Jaffe, who is still pushing SAVE THE PRESIDENT (forgot to tell him that I liked the 2-hand version). Told him that Bob Zimmeri asked me if SHUFFLE was anything like BALI; not really, but it is a good game; he asked & I gave him their address. Asked him abt. the letter he sent on VENTURE & EXECUTIVE DECISION; they control all the rights - if placed in Germany we would share half & half. Told him that I could probably get "the co." to take something else of mine instead; in view of this could it be changed to 2/3-1/3; he said he'll check w. Jack & Eric Dott. In connection w. coming to see games here for possible publication, I asked if he was coming to STATIONERY SHOW; no, and no other plans to come here. I asked if AUCTION was the same as HIGH BID (3M); yes, and he reminded me that they called it THE COLLECTOR when they first took it over. I asked if the BLACK MONDAY they were considering doing was the one from Canada BLACK MONDAY/LUNDI NOIR; no - but couldn't tell me anything else abt. it.

Finished letter to Antonio Margamus: HEX-MATCH, NEAT FIT; METROPOLIS in Japan; DAS ERBE DES MALOVEY - tax deduction, copy of English edition; my solitaire LABYRINTH version; HOLIDAY.

Looking for the set of PE-LING cards (that I'm pretty sure I saw recently). Couldn't find them, but did find the copy of SPRINGLINE that I looked for recently (in box at front of basement).

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tural Consultants Corp.), TRUMP: THE GAME (MB), EASY MONEY (MB-England), FORTUNE 500 (Pressman).

cd. "Fed. Exp." envelope from MaryEllen Podgorski w. questions on the following games: BLUE AND GRAY, ALBUERQUE, CHIVALRY; FANORONA, GO-MOKU/GO-BANG; MANCALA, SIXTEEN SOLDIERS; SURAKARTA, TABLUT.

Letter to Luisa Siepi (see 3/6) asking for return of AGOG rights.
Letter to Bernd Brunnhofer of "Hans-im Glück": POTA, AIRLINE; GREYHOUNDS, MAESTRO rules.
Letter to David Binnie. Mentioned Alison Kellett; BUYWORD; their catalog. Enclosed CAN'T STOP rules & "Variations."

Call from Felicia to see if I rcd. the chain letter from Bill Riva - she was pretty sure it was him since Chuck Luchsinger got one. Told her I sent the TOY FAIR Directories to Bill. Told her I placed a game in Japan & am working on some things for Germany.

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Brian Walker's interview of me: picture of Dagmar de Cassan, Friedhelm Merz, me, & others; UNCLE WIGGILY, 500 RUMMY; POKE, SLAM; ACQUIRE, EXECUTIVE DECISION, SLEUTH, FOCUS, CAN'T STOP; "Gamut of Games" (w. misinfamation), CARTEL, REALM, INFINITY; HOLIDAY, DAS ERBE DES MALONEY / MALONEY'S INHERITANCE; Dagmar & Ferdinand de Cassan, "Desert Island Games" by George Crawsha BORDERLANDS, CIVILIZATION, FARGUI, CONFRONTATION, CONQUEST, WARRIOR KNIGHTS, REICH, BLOOD ROYALE, APOCALYPSE, THE WARLORD; CLUEDO, GOLDRAUB IN LONDON, CODE 777, SLEUTH; RAIL BARON, AUF ACHSE, RAILWAY RIVALS, 1830 (A.H.); MR. PRESIDENT, ELECTION, KREMLIN, AL PARLEMENTO, DIE MACHER, CAMPAIGN TRAIL; SPEED CIRCUIT FORMULA ONE, FORMEL EINS, POLE POSITION, 6-DAY RACE, HOMAS TOUR WIN, PLACE & SHOW; MCMULTI, BUSINESS / FORTUNE, EXECUTIVE DECISION BROADWAY, LONG-SHORT, ENERGIE POKER, ACQUIRE, TRADE, CARTEL / DALLAS: THE GAME OF EMPIRE BUILDING; HEIMLICH & CO., SHARK, DISCRETION METROPOLIS, TV WARS; SHOWBIZ. Ad by "Applied Technology" for TRICKY. Ad by "Questique Internationale" for QUESTIQUE: STRATEGY CROSSWORD GAME. "Sniper": Roland Siegers, CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL; JUMP THE QUEUE; Mike Greg; EASY MONEY; Alan Moon's ACQUIRE variation; Jack Jaffe. "News" - case btwn. Jeremy Shaw & GAMES MONTHLY over TRINITY ad. "Design Notes" on Charles Vasey & his game THE KING'S WAR, w. mention of A HOUSE DIVIDED (GDW). Article on the odds in BRITANNIA. "Rolegame Reviews" of GURPS mat'l, & others. "Computer Game Reviews"; SHOGUN (Infocom), OMNI-PLAY BASKETBALL (Sport-Time), LORDS OF THE RISING SUN (Mirrorsoft), GO-MOKU & RENJU (Atari Mindgames) - (pages 47 to 50 missing) STELLAR CRUSADE (SSI/US Gold). Long letter from Jack Jaffe, & answer. Ad by "TSR" for SPELLJAMMER - an AD&D "adventures in space." Ad by "Heylins Ltd." for POMPEII - THE LAST DAYS & THE GOLF GAME PAR EXCELLENCE. ~~GAMES INTERNATIONAL (#12)~~ Article by Bruce Whitehill on American games: DIABLO / YO-GO (MB); BATTLESHIP, BROADSIDE, WINGS, SALVO, WARFARE NAVAL COMBAT, CONNECT FOUR / THE CAPTAIN'S MISTRESS (Northwest Corner, Inc.); Games by Bruce- RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!, THE FRAGGLE ROCK GAME, CENTIPEDE, CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL; AGCA, GAME TIMES. → Rcd. GAMES INTERNATIONAL (#12). "Reviews": ECHELON (The Great Games Co.); DEATH BY DIET (Lombard Marketing) - one of the BePUZZLED series; TEMPLE OF THE BEASTMEN (GDW) - board game for SPACE 1889 series; ADVANCED HEROQUEST (Games

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From "Quest Games" rcd. ad sheet for STARBASE - a PBM/Modem game. Mention of their BEYOND THE QUADRA ZONE (in '90 misc. folder).

Called Herb Levy & asked if he had a copy of "3M" BAZAAR for sale. No, but he suggested that I tell Jerry Roberts abt. GAMERS ALLIANCE - that they have a game search service. He rcd. DRAGONLANCE and another copy of MAXI-BOURSE when he told them abt. the missing parts. He is on the list to get ~~an~~ ELIXER & MAGE STONES. Told him abt. Signe Cocroft (see 2/27); he deals w. Jack Beuttell, who is very pleasant. He didn't hear from David Binnie (I guess I told him that I gave David info on him). He also hasn't heard from Brian Walker; told him I just wrote to Brian. He was visited by Paul Gabriner - one of his members from Holland; Paul showed him a game called DELTA which was put out as part of a set of small games by "Ravensburger" 4 or 5 yrs. ago. it is played on a 5x5 board w. checkers; Paul said that Herb has to show it to me - he'll bring me the rules. (Later found I got a repro on DELTA from Walter Luc Haas on 3/29/81.)

Setting up a deck for PE-LING using 3 of the "Hoyle" sets I rcd. on 2/2/81. Practiced completing hands by myself - using the scoring of 3/5. (For the "total" game thinking of deducting one "double" for each wild card used.)

Wrote to Jerry Roberts returning his check for BAZAAR. Told him abt. GAMERS ALLIANCE/Herb Levy.

In talk w. Herb Levy - we will try to play SPECULATION (Cayla Games), a little of BOSS-MAN BASEBALL, & possibly BIG BUCKS BASEBALL when they come here on 3/23.

Visit from the Laurences. Played PE-LING. Annette made a 40 score & then later won w. one more hand. Everyone liked it.

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Letter to George Yonekawa; METROPOLIS royalty; CAN'T STOP - variations.
Letter to Roland Siegers: TREASURE HUNT; MAVERICK COUNTRY; SPIELBOX, CAFE INTERNATIONAL picture; Sabine Klaas, CAFE INTERNATIONAL, CASSA GRANDE, SKYLINE, KREUZ FAHRT, FLUCHT AUS MANGROVIA, RIOMBO, ZUG NACH WESTEN.

Letter to Peter Gross, asking abt. WAY OUT, SHAPE AND SHATTER, & REACH. (But never sent it. See 3/19.)

Started working on '89 tax info.

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"Classifieds"; wanted - QUEST, SQUARE MILE (MB); KENSINGTON, STAREALL (Yaquinto); WAR BETWEEN THE STATES (SPI), BLACK SEA BLACK DEATH (PWG); AIR CHARTER (Waddingtons); ELECTION (Intellect Games) - from Rudolf Rühle; MENTALIS, PAGODA, THOUGHTWAVE, WILDLIFE ADVENTURE, TRADE, INFINITY from Paul Gabriner. Ad by "TSR" for RED STORM RISING, HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER, THE Ad by "SSI" for RED LIGHTNING, STELLAR CRUSADE, STAR COMMAND, DEMON'S WINTER, REBEL CHARGE AT CHICKAMAUGA, QUESTRON II. Rcd, → GAMES INTERNATIONAL (#11). Ad by "Aztral Games" for Universal SHOGI. "Reviews": FULL METAL PLANETE (Ludodelire); TRABER DERBY (Burk Verlag) - Rev. by Derek Carver; À LA CARTE (Moskito Games) Des. by Karl-Heinz Schmiel who did DIE MACHER & SUPPENKASPER; FAVORITEN (Spielwerk Stadt); RUBOUT (Australian Design Group); DEXAD (K. Haynes Enterprises); TRICKY (Applied Technology). "Christmas Games": picked by Brian Walker - BROADWAY (TSR), TOPPLE (Waddingtons), SLAPSHOT (A.H.) FAMILY BUSINESS (Mayfair/Spielfreaks); by Derek Carver - SHOWBIZ (Hexagames), LIAR'S DICE (MB), BOGGLE (Waddingtons), TIMBER (Paradigm); by Alan R. Moon - PICTIONARY (Kenner Parker), LIAR'S DICE (MB), CAREERS (P.) KARRIERE POKER (Hexagames), 6-DAY RACE (Holtmann VIP); by Philip Murphy - À LA CARTE (Moskito), BROADWAY (TSR) & QUEST (Questtime Games) & SUPPENKASPER (Mattel), KANGAROO & AVE CAESAR (Ravensburger), 6-DAY RACE (Holtmann VIP), PARTYMIME (Pantomime); by Ian Livingstone - 6-DAY RACE, CAN'T STOP (P.) (but picture shows BASTA box), MAESTRO (Hans im Glück), SUPPENKASPER (Mattel); by Mark Green - MONOPOLY (Waddingtons), JENGA (MB), HARE & TORTOISE (Gibsons), CAPITAL ANVENTURE (Capital Games); by Mike Siggins - UNDER COVER (Ravensburger), LIAR'S DICE (MB), WILDLIFE ADVENTURE (Ravensburger), SCOTLAND YARD (Ravensburger); by John Harrington to be played - TOPPLE (Wadd.), DIZZY DIZZY DINOSAUR (MB), HARE & TORTOISE (Gibsons), CROSSFIRE (Ideal) - not to be played - MONOPOLY, CHARADES, NEIGHBOURS, SCRUPLE 3 (M "Derek Carver's do-it yourself" games - EIVES TO THE RIGHT, THE BOOK GAME "Younger Games" - THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS (Paradigm Games), M25 (BV Leisure), ANTICIPATION (Capital Games), DIZZY DIZZY DINOSAUR (MB). "R.I.P." - by Steve Jackson (of "Games Workshop") - on THE WARLORD by Mike Hayes & then done as APOCALYPSE by "Games Workshop (I have them both). "Variants": Alan Moon gives HIGH LOW for INDISCRETION (Piatnik) or SCAN (P.); George Crawshay M. variant on FORMEL EINS - & mention of TEMPO another variant; "Neil Wilson" w. variant on SHOKO & Co. Article by Brian Walker on "Essen": "Moskito Games" Karl-Heinz Schmiel, À LA CARTE, DIE MACHER, SUPPENKASPER, LIEBER BÄRISCH STERBEN; THERAPIE (by ?); MARE MEDITERRANEAN (Jean Du Poel); DICKE KARTOFFELN, FAVORITEN, TRABER DERBY; DEAL ME IN (Noraut); "Silver Bear Verlag" - Trevor Pepperell, LADY LUCK BOTTOM LINE, ELIXER, NESSIE HUNT, Jack Jaffe, CUP FEVER; POLE POSITION AVE CAESAR, FIRST PAST THE POST, DER AUSREISSER, Elizabeth & Gerhard Kody: HOMUS TOUR, RAILROADER (Waddingtons), COUP - by Wolfgang Kramer, TRADE, ENERGIE POKER, LUFTWAFFE; SUBBUTEO; S.S., Alex Randolph, Friedhelm

Letter from Brian Walker, sending GAMES INTERNATIONAL #10 on to me by airmail. Mentions Claude Soucie, SCHICKERIA, "Hexagames."

Package from "marino group" w. the following games - which I looked at: CRASH! (RP Productions, Inc.) - might be worth trying; REAL TO REEL (The Bronnenkant Corp.) - just remembering movies & who was in them; CAMPAIGN POLITICS (Bear Swamp Productions) - might be interesting but rules are terrible; LAUNCH (McGregor International Inc.) - similar to MILLE BORNES ~~~ and not as good; WIZARD (K. Fisher Enterprises Ltd.) - just BLACKOUT / OH PSHAW w. a trivial addition. Also enclosed a "Press Kit" w. the above & the following: "Serif" I QUEST, ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, SEASIDE FROLICS, KUBUS, CHAIN REACTION; STARCHASE (Robon Games); DINOSAUR SURVIVAL (Jeanette Kildea), TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games, Inc.); TUNE DIN (Friends Across the Border, Inc.); FINAL STRATEGY (T/A Headgames, Inc.); PINHIGH (Canmps Games Ltd.); U.F.O. RIA (Steve Falcone); COMRADES (L.A. Producers' Partnership, Ltd.), MUSIC BUFF (Music buff, Inc.). Card from Michael J. Kime - president.

Working on 89 tax info. & pretty much got it into shape.

~~Called~~ Before calling Jeff Conrad @ "International Games," looked at their BAHA; found an ad card in it for STING - a RUMMY game. When I called I asked Jeff abt. it; they have just discontinued it. Pretty much explained basic PE-LING to him and he said it sounded good. There is no particular hurry and he said it sounded good. There is no particular hurry to get it to him, and I said I'd get it there by end of this month. I asked, and the model doesn't have to be fancy.

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w. picture of Uwe Eme.

Schwarz" w. TRUMP! THE GAME; visit here, puzzles based on RATETURM (FX Schmid); BOGGLE. "Café Focus" - some kind of a contest w. pictures of the following games: SCHOKO & CO, DAS NILPFERD IN DER ACHTERBAHN, ARBORA, AGENTENJAGD, SAGALAND, MOMO, "TWIDDELDUM", TARGUI. Article on "89er Spiele der Piatnik-Hit-Serie": JET SET, CHINA DRAGON, ÄTSCH, HIPP HIPP HURRA, KEIN EINZELFALL. "Spiel im Heft" - PENSION MÜNTER. Article on LIEBESSPIEL (Impuls-Spiele). "Neuheiten" - ADEL VERPFLICHTET (FX Schmid), SPIRIT (Mattel). "Lukesch Spiele" - NITAYA & STAKATO - written by Uwe Petersen. Article on PROGNOS (~~Gra~~ Glasperlen-Spiel/-Orakel). Ad by "Jumbo" for TARGUI.

Letter from Brian Walker w. English rules for GREYHOUNDS - translated by Alan Moon. He "understands I wanted them" (??).

Short letter from Roland Siegers: TREASURE HUNT is among the finalists for '91 - move into by end of May.

Letter to ~~Graeme~~ Graeme Levin here. Sent back a return card, w. note - "Sorry, but I am no longer in touch with Mr. Levin."

Call from Nick Siedum. I asked him to call at end of April.

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13 TUES ~~SUNDAY~~ • MARCH 1990

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT • 72ND DAY • 293 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. SPIELBOX (Heft 1, Februar/März 1990). Ad for CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL. Picture of CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL being played by Alex Randolph, Wolfgang Kramer, me, Knut-Michael Wolf, & Rudi Hoffman. "Spielbox aktuell" - pictures of LITTLE BIG BOSS, TOMTESPELET, HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH, GNOSIS; pc. on DEUTSCHEN SPIELMUSEUM, Peter Lemcke (see 1/24), Claus Voigt, Knut-Michael Wolf. Ad by "Ravensburger" for ROBIN HOOD; by "Hugendubel" for DIE 7. SEITE DES WÜRFELS. "Test" - THERAPIE (Krönland-Games), KARAWANE (Ravensburger), ROBIN HOOD (Ravensburger), CAMELOT (Citadel), WELTENBUMMLER (Hexagames), FAVORITEN (Walter Müller-Spiele). Ad by "MB" for HEROQUEST. "Neuheiten '90 auf einen Blick": "Herder" - ESKIMO, LICHT UND SCHATTEN, TABAIJANA - by Wolfgang Kramer; "P." - GLÜCKSRAD JUNIOR, SUPER GRIPS, COSA NOSTRA, AMNESIA, TEMPO; "Hugendubel" - KAFFEESATZ UND KARTENLEGE, NEUE TAKTIKSPIELE MIT WÜRFEL UND KARTEN, SONNENUHREN SELBERBAUEN, DIE 7. SEITE DES WÜRFELS; "ASS" - BIG BAND, RÄUBERSPRUNG, EINFALLS-PINSEL, EI DER KUCKUCK, ALLE MEINE TIERE, PERLENKÖNIG; "Franckh Kosmos" - HEUCHEL UND MEUCHEL - by Rudi Hoffman, TERRA TURRIUM; "F.X. Schmid" - HOLIDAY AG - by Wolfgang Kramer, ADEL VERPFLICHTET, CASANOVA, AHA, EIN SOLCHES DING, KEEP SMILING, PATERNOSTER, SCHNARCH, SCHNARCH, SCHOKO HEXE, HÄC MÄC; "Haba" - SCHNELLE SCHNECKE, JAMES WATT, SCHLANGENPRINZESSIN, KLEINER ESEL KOMM GESCHWIND, DAMIT WIR DIE ERSTEN SIND - all 4 by Reinhold Wittig; "Jumbo" - SCHATZINSEL - by Alex Randolph, DAS GEHEIMIS DER PYRAMIDE, WIND UND WETTER; "KD" - JOLLY JOLLY; "Klee" - MIDGARD 2, MARNON UND HEXENMEISTER, TWIXT - by Alex Randolph, BLINDE JUSTIZ, GIB AUF DICH ACHT, EUROPAREISE A LA CARTE, RICHTFEST, REISE DURCH DIE DDR, SCHÜTZT UNSERE ERDE; "Mattel" - KEINE PANIK, LÜGENDETEKTOR, OVERTURN, LANCELOT - by Roland Siegers, SPIRIT, AKTIONSSPIELE; "Hexagames" - CHAIN REACTION - by S.S., GESPENSTER - by Allen Moon, DIGGING, DRACHENLACHEN - by Reinhold Wittig, HAITHABU, SAHARA, RÖMER; "Schmidt" - GUINESS SPIEL DER REKORDE, SHERLOCK HOLMES, ZUM ERSTEM, ZUM ZWEITEN UND,.. ZUM DRITTEN, WER BIN ICH?, PENTHOUSE KNIFFEL, DRACHENHORT, REISE DURCH EUROPA by Tom Kremer, DAS GROSSE GÄNSESPIEL, AFFENSCHRECK, SLOGAN, OLIVER & CO; "Ravensburger" - KARAWANE, ASTERIX UND DIE RÖMER, ROBIN HOOD, BEI NACHT UND NEBEL, DIE HEISSE SCHLACHT AM KALTEN BUFFE by Alex Randolph, CASH - by Wolfgang Kramer, EUROPAREISE, ASTROTIME, "Hans im Glück" - GOLDRAUSCH; "Sala" - HUSKY, PLIMUS; "Piatnik" - KOPF AN KOPF, ISABELLA - WER HEIRATET DIE PRINZESSIN?, FLIEG ZU MI, LAUF HENNE LAUF, GEHEIME MISSION - by Gerhard Kodys, WER HAT MI by Allen Moon, RETTET DIE UMWELT, DIE MAGISCHE 7, DAS VERMÄCHTNIS DES CAPTAIN HOOK; "peri" - INVERS, THINKER, SUPER-QUADA, DKT - DAS KAUFMÄNNISCHE TALENT; "Flying Turtle" - MAX X, SINBAD; "sbv" - HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH; "MB" - SHÖGUN, HEROQUEST, SPINNENTAKTIK, WER IST ES?, MAUS REISS AUS, BONKERS, KLEINE SCHNECKE RASTLOS, THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS SPIEL, 20 QUESTIONS. Article on Monika Engel-Neuhaus & her collection of MEMORY games. Move mat'l. on their CHARISMA PBM game. "New York ist eine Reise wert" by Uwe Petersen; wanting to see inventor of ACQUIRE, MONAD, CORNE METROPOLIS, SLEUTH, VENTURE, FOCUS, & CAN'T STOP; stores - including "F.A.G

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73RD DAY • 292 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. package from "Smethport" w. STOP LIGHT & ROYAL PURSUIT. They look quite interesting - particularly the 1st.

Letter from Mel Bush: 1099 forms for BB - signed and sent to IRS; Info on "Business Broker" (which I phoned to Phil F.); ~~News~~ Clipping from THE RECORD on Dan Morgenstern and his "Jazz collection" @ "Rutgers University" in Newark, and suggestion that I contact him.

Rcd. GAMES INTERNATIONAL (#10), Loose ad for CLUEQUEST (Direct Games Ltd). Ad by "Perfect Games/Dragon New Age Games" for SPIES! THE SNEAKY SPY GAME, SHARE MANIA, & OUTWORDS. "Consumer Guide": ACQUIRE (A.H.), BRITANNIA (Gibsons/A.H.), BROADWAY (TSR), BUCK ROGERS (TSR), CIRCUS IMPERIUM (FASA), CONSULTING DETECTIVE (Sleuth Publ.), THE NEW DUNGEON GAME (TSR), ENCHANTED FOREST (Ravensburger), FAMILY BUSINESS (Spieltreaks), FIRST PAST THE POST (Waddingtons), GRASS (Executive Games), HARE & TORTOISE (Gibsons), HEROQUEST (MB), ILLUMINATI! (Steve Jackson Games), JUMP THE QUEUE (Spears), KREMLIN (A.H.), LABYRINTH (Ravensburger), MAXI BOURSE (TSR), MERTWIG'S MAZE (TSR), NUCLEAR WAR (Flying Buffalo), OPPRESSION (Midson Holdings), RAILWAY RIVALS (Rostherne Games), SCOTLAND YARD (Ravensburger), SHARK (Flying Turtle), SPACE HULK (Games Workshop), SPEED CIRCUIT (A.H.), TOPPLE (Waddingtons), UBI (San Serif), WILDLIFE ADVENTURE (Ravensburger), WIN, PLACE & SHOW (A.H.). "Reviews" - 1853 ~~Franco~~ (Hartland Trefoil); COUNTER INTELLIGENCE (Zzota Games); TRUMP: THE GAME (MB/USA); HOOKIPA (Active Games); ASG BASEBALL (3W); CLUEQUEST (Edufun Games) - reviewed by Derek Carver. Ad for COUNTER INTELLIGENCE. Ad by "QUORUM Game Development Services." "R.I.P." - ENERGIE POKER. Ad for DIE MACHER (Moskito Games). Variants for SCOTLAND YARD. Derek Carver discusses an ORGANIZED CRIME variant. Variants for ACQUIRE, by Alan Moon, George Crawshay, & Derek Carver. variant for ON BROADWAY by Brian Walker. "Desert Island Games" by "Paul Mason": POP-UP PIRATE (Action GT), COSMIC ENCOUNTER (Eon), JUNTA (West End), EMPIRE OF THE PETAL THRONE (Different Worlds), CHIVALRY & SORCERY (FGU), ARS MAGICA (Lion Rampant), GHOSTBUSTERS (West End). Ad for HOOKIPA (Active Games). "Wargame Reviews": WORLD IN FLAMES (Australian Design Group); TOMORROW THE WORLD (3W) - by Ty Bomba; SOLDIER'S COMPANION (GDW) - book for SPACE 1889; LIGHT DIVISION (World Wide Wargamers); HITLER'S LAST GAMBLE (3W). "Design Notes" - variant for WORLD IN FLAMES. "Rolegame Reviews" ~~[illegible]~~ (These are books): TEENAGERS FROM OUTER SPACE (R Talsorian) - Greg Costikyan gave "Additional Material"; CREATURES OF THE DREAMLANDS (Chaosium); DUNGEONEER (Puffin). Ad for ARS MAGICA (Spike's Games). Ad by "FASA" for SHADOWRUN. "Computer Games Reviews": TV SPORTS FOOTBALL (Mirrorsoft); FIRE BRIGADE (Panther Games/Electronic Arts); BACKGAMMON (Atari-UK-Ltd.); MAIN BATTLE TANK: WEST GERMANY (Simulations Canada); CURSE OF THE AZURE BONDS (SSI/TSR); RED LIGHTNING (SSI); OIL IMPERIUM (Reline Software). Article on "Generic Wargames": WARGAME CONSTRUCTION SET (SSI); UNIVERSAL MILITARY SIMULATOR (Firebird); BORODINO (Atari); ANCIENT BATTLES (CCS); THE ANCIENT ART OF WAR (Broderbund). Letter on "Art Attack" mentioning Bob Abbott.

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Rcd. package from "Games Gang" w. BALDERDASH (Gameworks Creations Inc.), CLEAVER ENDEAVOR (MindGames, Inc.), QUICK WIT (Petermark, Inc.); and PICTIONARY JUNIOR (to give to Brian).

Rcd. registered envelope ~~with~~ from "FX Schmid" w. the following: Letter from Christian Beiersdorf - returning PE-LING - contacted Uwe Petersen that O.K. for SPIELBOX - would like to do VENTURE.

Letter from Dan Glimme asking for "dates" for a 1991 "game calendar" — such as Jan. 5 (1904) Elizabeth Magie got THE LANDLORD'S GAME patent.
Letter from Brian Walker - dupl. of the one rec'd. on 3/12. (Discarded.)

Call from Jack Jaffe. He found the "GAMA" show (for "Game Manufacturers of America, he answered my question) quite interesting. He didn't see any electronic games there. I asked, and "P" & "MB" didn't exhibit. Chris Campbell & Mike Gray were there for a seminar. Chris, in a very nice way, said that my games are for the '60s & it is now the 90s'. Mike said that AXIS & ALLIES, etc, are being dropped. He met (pretty sure it was there) Leigh Ardrey who does SPECULATION (Cayla); Ardrey will try to get cos. to pay for spaces on the IN THE MONEY board; he'll also help on making it more pertinent to the U.S. Jack is supposed to get an answer from "Waddingtons" on RED LETTER by end of March. Then he start w. BLOCKADE, although it is hard to get manufacturers to look at 6 games; I suggested his trying EMPIRE by itself.

Call from Tom Shaw, for "Ravensburger's" address. (This was after I found the contract.) Asked him whether there was anything I signed when "A.H." took over the "3M" line; abt. 2 co's in Germany wanting it; abt. needing the money. He'll check & get back to me.
Found the contract for VENTURE (CAPITAL) (in box w. Bill Riva mat'l.). It says that rights go back to me if "3M" stops it.

Rec'd. package from "West End Games" w. the following: ESCAPE FROM THE DEATH STAR - a board game for 1 to 4; BLACK ICE - a STAR WARS: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME adventure, plus a STAR WARRIORS mini-campaign; GAMMA-LOT - a PARANOIA: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME adventure.

17 SATUR ~~THURS~~DAY • MARCH 1990

ST. PATRICK'S DAY • 76TH DAY • 289 DAYS TO COME

Form letter, in German, from Roland Siegers of "Mattel." My game SCHATZSUCHE has made the "Top 20." The results will be known by the end of May.

Finally rcd. a GAMES ~~MAGAZINE~~ INTERNATIONAL binder, for 12 copies of the mag.

Because of BB's father called the Corns. Changed our date to 3/31.

In connection w. "Klutz" questions played 3 games alone & w. BB. SURAKARTA - found article in GAMES in '79 by Wayne Schmittberger w. some strategy hints; I think that it is just abt. always good to start an exchange. TABLUT - w. careful play Muscovites will probably win; in case of a repeating position the Swedes must make the change.

Looked at SIXTEEN SOLDIERS and saw immediately that ~~the~~ "Klutz" panel was correct—the "General" loses immediately. Playing around, w. BB part of the time, and came up with the following idea. The "general" is not captured by being surrounded on 2 sides; instead he loses if he can't move; he wins by reaching the "privy." If the "rebels" fail to pursue the "general" the "general" wins. With very careful play the "rebels" will probably always win; for advanced players there could be an optional rule allowing the "general" to make a short jump once; the jump must be short of the end row on the "privy" side.

Call from Felicia. Maria Riva called her from Switzerland. Bill Riva thanks me for the TOY FAIR directories.

Rcd. "package" from Peter Gross of "Schmidt Spiel": REACH - box a little beat up; SHAPE AND SHATTER - insides somewhat broken; FAR OUT; covering letter.
Spent some time on the REACH puzzles.

Called John Cassidy abt. 7:45 PM. In conference & asked to have him call me tomorrow. Made notes on list of questions from MaryEllen Podgorski (see 3/14).

Rcd. "What's New" from THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (Boston), (Discarded.)

Call from John Cassidy. Read him the list of games w. a MONOPOLY-like board (see 3/19) & told him I could find many more. I asked, and he transferred me to MaryEllen Podgorski. We spoke abt. her questions (see 3/19) and answered most of them. She asked me to return the sheets w. my comments; I asked her to send me another set, and to send 2 copies of any future questions. Told her that I could fix SIXTEEN SOLDIERS if she felt they needed it - but they are only using 15 out of the 30 I sent. Arranged that she'd call me on Thursdays at 8:30 AM which is 11:30 AM our time. Spoke to Cassidy again; I asked, and he hasn't had a chance to look at AGOG.

Rcd. package w. YOU NAME IT! (This & That Enterprises) - w. letter from Ted Rose.

Rcd. "UPS" package from "University Games" w. POP OPINION & ASAP. Also a catalog: DICK TRACY GAME, DICK TRACY NOSTALGIA GAME; DINOMITE; CHARADE, PHENOMENON; MURDER MYSTERY PARTY; "Travel Games"-ASAP, CHICANERY, TWENTY QUESTIONS, TRUTH OR DARE, SYMBOL SIMON, TOP CARD; THE BATMAN GAME. Letter "David Andrews" & repros of reviews in 3 papers (in catalog).

Have rules - w. complete info - for DELTA (originally a German game).
It is dated today but I am not where it came from, (Placed in '70 misc.)

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MARCH 1997 • [illegible] DAY 24

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Letter from George Yonekawa: METROPOLIS royalty, ~~RUMMIKUB~~, TRI-OMINOS; CAN'T STOP rules.

Studied ESCAPE FROM THE DEATH STAR.

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CARTEL; GAME by me - 3D - mass market family appeal - contact him.
English catalog: RISK, STRATEGO, BOGGLE, PICTIONARY, JUNIOR PICTIONARY, PERSONAL PREFERENCE, AMNESIA, OUTBURST!, DARE, STRIKE IT LUCKY
French catalog: VENGEANCE A CHICAGO, PARCOTEMPO, HIT PARADE, LONG COURS, LA VENTE AUX ENCHÈRES, LA COURSE A LA RÉUSSITE, LA BONNE PAYE, MAD, CLUEDO, CLUEDO VIDEO, CASINO ROYAL, SUPER MASTERMIND, MASTERMIND, RISK, DIPLOMACY, BOGGLE, JARNAC!, AMNESIA, BRAINSTORM, GAGES A GOGO, PICTIONARY, PICTIONARY JUNIOR, ÇA PASSE OU ÇA CASSE, ROLLERBILLES, DYNAMITE, LA CHASSE AUX MONSTRES, CANON NOIR, BADABOUM, TRIVIAL PURSUIT. German catalog: MONOPOL, COSA NOSTRA, CLUEDO, OHNE MOOS NIX LOS!, GOLDFIEBER, WER BIETET MEHR?, TOP ODER FLOP, PARKPLATZ-PANIK, TEMPO, MAD-BRETTSPIEL, BOGGLE, MONSTER MIX, MAD-KARTENSPIEL, LEG' DAS ROHR, AMNESIA, GLÜCKSRAD, 3UPERGRIPS, RISIKO, OUTBURST!, CASINO ROYAL, DIPLOMACY, TRIVIAL PURSUIT
(The catalogs are dated 1990.)

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MON

MARCH 1990 • SATURDAY 26

KUHIO DAY (HAWAII) • 85TH DAY • 280 DAYS TO COME

Called "Pressman" and spoke to Sue Adams. Told her AD LINERS was great - she'll send me one right away. Asked if ROLLETTE would be in my area; yes & she'll send it and READ MY LIPS in 2 or 3 wks. In case I get a chance to review children's games she'll send RATTLER! & THIN ICE & FUNNY FOOD MINIATURE GOLF when ready.

Rcd. May ANALOG - nothing whatsoever on games.

Called Anne Soucie. Set date for 4/6.

Call from Leigh Ardrey abt. his SPECULATION. Told him I played & liked it, and will try for a review for inclusion in best of the yr. Asked abt. "giving in Wild Card at end of 20th move & taking another; this is when playing past 20 moves; I suggested a Wild Card for each 10 moves and he said some are doing that, and others are dealing 2 Wild Cards at the start. I suggested each player having a face-up "Market Mover" card that comes into play when that player lands on an activating space; he liked the idea & probably will add it w. a credit to me (later thinking of having them face down as another possibility). He met Jack Jaffe at the "GAMA" conference, who spoke well of me; at a seminar he blasted the manufacturers, which the inventors appreciated. When he comes to N.Y. he'll contact me abt. getting together - towards end of April I requested.

Call to Tom Shaw; in a conference & he called me back. I asked, & if a German co. wants to do VENTURE they'll have to sign the contract w. "A.H." I brought up some reward for my making the contacts. He suggested my writing to Jackson Dott, and also having the German Co(s). tell Jackson that I made the contacts. Told Jack that I'll try to get it down to 1 co. & then write to Jackson. I asked, & Derek Carver's SHOWBIZ & NEW WORLDS will be coming to me soon.

Called Burt Hochberg to check on review assignments. Because of a problem w. refinancing they are a month behind, so he doesn't have a deadline. The following are games we mentioned or spoke about: BOSS-MAN BASEBALL - I'll probably review it; BIG BUCKS BASEBALL - he has a copy; WORD QUEST - they like it but it is several yrs. old; SPECULATION - said I'd like to review it; WALL STREET (Thomas Games) -

Rcd. package from "West End": TWILIGHT CYCLE: 2000 - an adventure for PARANOIA; THE ROLEPLAYING GAME, & also for TWILIGHT: 2000 GDW; SCOUNDLER'S LUCK - a STAR WARS solitaire adventure booklet; another box of STAR WARS miniatures; sheet covering these (in "West End" folder).

Package from David Binnie w. return of BUYWORD. Letter from him mentioning: Visit here w. Alison Kellett; English rules for CAN'T STOP; BUYWORD possible for '92; Derek Carver's - LONG SHORT, AL PARLIAMENTO, BLOOD ROYALE; His collection - ROMMEL & QUEBEC 1759 (Columbia Games), DIE MACHER, DALLAS: THE GAME OF EMPIRE BUILDING STRATEGY

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Called Mary Pietromonaco, who said she was going to call me. Sheila Basden was mistaken when she had me call Mark Morris. Spoke abt. the following: GORBACHEV - by end of May; TABOO - now; POCKETFULS - now; TETRIS & ELECTRONIC TALKING BATTLESHIP - not sure when; READY SET; SPAGHETTI within a wk.; also asked for a "MB" catalog. Told her to send copies to Burt Hochberg; she'll say I had her send them.
Noticed note on a sheet that Sheila added, on TRAVEL GUESS WHO?, called Mary again & she'll send it too. Invited her to see my collection.

Rcd. package from Joe Nikisch. English rules for the following: HAITHABU; SAHARA; DRAGON LAUGHTER / DRACHENLACHEN - by Reinhold Wittig; DIGGING; GHOSTS / GESPENSTER - by Alan R. Moon; THE ROMANS / RÖMER; WILLI WACKER - by Dan Glimne; DINO - by Reinhold Wittig; THE ELEPHANT TRAIL [redacted] / TRAMPELPFAD - by Joe Nikisch. 1990 catalog w. the above & also: MCMULTI, WELTENBUMMLER; CONQUEST; ABILENE, SHOWBIZ; SETI, CROSSADO, SEIN ODER NICHTSEIN; SCHICKERIA; KARRIERE POKER, ALLES ODER NICHTS, BLACK MONDAY; [redacted] DIE 1. MILLION; IZER STICH, I CHING; CHOICE; VISGE, GOJU, AXXA; LOA, SCHACH PLUS, CHAIN REACTION. Letter: listed game rules; sending package w. new games - CHAIN REACTION not ready yet; games from me.

Envelope from Eamon Bloomfield. Letter: David Binnie; "Earls Court" - BAFFLED, CLOAK & DAGGER, IN THE MONEY (w. mention of JACK JAFFE & VENTURE), HOLLYWOOD (Waddingtons), COUNTER INTELLIGENCE; would like copies of "Hoyle Games" - RAISE THE TITANIC, LEGEND OF CAMELOT, TRANSFORMATION; is TEMPTATION POKER still available; he added to his book collection - GAMES ANCIENT AND ORIENTAL AND HOW TO PLAY THEM.
Included rules for German games: GAM-GAM, VECTOR, LANDGANG, A LA CARTE, TARGUI / DESERT TRIBE, PALAVER, TRABER DERBY, FAVORITEN, HANS DAMPF, DICKE KARTOFFELN (English translations); also rules for CLOAK & DAGGER (Eye-Spy Enterprises), BAFFLED, AVE CAESAR (Just Games Trading Co.), IN THE MONEY (Games for Pleasure Ltd.).

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA #318 (Mar/Apr '90. Phil Cohen: GIVEAWAY CHESS game; Wayne Schmittberger writes a bit. a GAME in FAMILY CIRCLE mag.; "rule sketches" of CATHEDRAL, INTERPLAY, KRIEGSPIEL, LAST WORD (S. LINES OF ACTION, RACING KINGS, ARCHIMEDES, GRAND PAB.

Rcd. "UPS" package w. AD LINERS (Prossman).

Fed. Exp. envelope from MaryEllen Padgorski of "Klutz" w. questions on BRAX; also 2 "highlights" for marking the board colors. Did this.

Rcd. air-mail package from "Franckh-Kosmos" w. the following 5 games: JANUS by Rudi Hoffmann (dupl.-? - see '88); ARBORA / WALDLEBEN - "Rolf Asche" & Reinhold Wittig; FORUM ROMANUM by Wolfgang Kramer - dupl.; RONDA MAGICA; BREMER STADTMUSIKANTEN - this one only has German rules - others include English rules. (Later discovered that LOCOMOTION was omitted - see 11/9/89.)

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV SCIENCE FICTION (May). Nothing on games.

Letter to David Binnie: BUYWORD; enclosed complete info for TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN (PLANE). Thanks for catalogs; would like VENGEANCE A CHICAGO, STRIKE IT LUCKY, AMNESIA, HIT PARADE, CASINO ROYAL, GAGE A GOGO. Mentioned CARTEL & offered REALM and INFINITY - and does he have particular wants. Derek Carver, AL PARLIAMENTO, Eamon Bloomfield.

31 SATURDAY • **MARCH 1990**

90TH DAY • 275 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. J&S (#5 - Mars '90), "Avant-Première - Noël 1990": MÉDIGAG (Dragon Radieux), LA JUSTICE EST AVEUGLE (Schmidt), COLORSGAME (Alain Royer Design); AMNESIA (Tonka), PERSONALITY (Idéal Loisirs), SAMSARA (France Cartes), MIM'HIC (Grand V), INTUITION (Nathan), SING SONG (Dujardin), TRAITS ET GESTES (Habourdin), ASTROTIME (Ravensburger), LA GUERRE DES SEXES (Habourdin), HIPPOFOLIES (Ravensburger); "Ma Hel" - CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL, OVERTURN, LANCELOT; SPORTISSIMO & CLUB MED (G.I. Jeux), QUIZZARD JUNIOR (Nathan), LE MATCH DE L'ACTUALITÉ (Grand V), QUI DIT MIEUX (Schmidt), JEOPARDY (MB), LE GUINNESS DES RECORDS (Schmidt); DÉCOUVRONS L'EUROPE (Schmidt 1992 (Éditions du Hibou), EUREXPERT (Cirkenses/G.I. Jeux), SQUATI (Academy Toy's); ÉLÉMENTS (G.I. Jeux); [redacted] DOM'S (Academy Toy's), VENGEANCE À CHICAGO [redacted] (Tonka)/CHICAGO (Jeux Descartes), MOTS DE TÊTE (Habourdin), SCATTERGORIES (MB), MAX-X (Flying Turtle Jeux Actuels), # FEVER (Harbourdin), PARCO TEMPO (Tonka); CIRCUS IMPERIUM (Hexagonal), SINDBAD (Flying Turtle / Jeux Actuels), DISSUASION (G.I. Jeux), CARAVANE (Ravensburger) HERO QUEST (MB), INDIANA JONES, À LA RECHERCHE DES TRÉSORS PERDUS (Grand V), ROBIN DES BOIS (Ravensburger), "Jeux de Simulation": "Dragon Radieux" - ROYAUME DES DRAGONS; "Siroz" - ENFER ET DAMNATION, IN NOMINE SATANIS, MAGNA VERITAS, WHOG SHROG, CAR WARS, DARK FUTURE; "Agmat Citadel" - ADVANCED HEROQUEST, WARHAMMER; "Hexagonal" - ARMAGEDDON; "Jeux Descartes" - HORREUR À ARKHAM; "Socomer" - NAPOLEON AT LEIPZIG; "Eurogames" - DRAGON NOIR, CRY HAVOC, VIKING; "Jeux Actuels" - TOMORROW THE WORLD, MODERN NAVAL BATTLES, RED BARRICADE. "Reviews": JAMES BOND 007: LE JEU (Jeux Descartes); KRYSTAL (Oriflam), ROLEMASTER (ICE/Hexagonal). Article on SPELLJAMMER (TSR); on FULL (Sandoa); CIVIL WAR/GUERRE CIVILE (?); on LONG COURS - new version - w. variations. "Le Dossier du Mois - ~~la femme flambeuse~~ Les femmes savent - elles jouer?" "Magazin-Micro": CHAOS STRIKES BACK (FTL/Mirrorsoft); NECRON (16/32), PINBALL MAGIC (Loriciel), STAR FLIGHT (Electronic Arts), LES VOYAGEURS DU TEMPS (Delphine Software), AUSTERLITZ (PSS), FIGHTER BOMBER (Activision), THE HOUND OF SHADOW (Electric Arts/Eldritch Games), NEVERMIND (Psyclapse), SAMURAI (Microprose). Regular columns on BRIDGE, ECHECS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, OTHELLO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, GO, LE RENJU, ABALONE. LES 7 PÉCHÉS CAPITAUX - a scenario for ENFER ET DAMNATION. ARCHIPEL - a complete board game. LE MYSTÈRE GUSTAVE OIL - a party one play game for 6 to 10 players. Ad for HÉROÏKA - a game w. military miniatures. History of BACKGAMMON w. TABULA & TRICTRAC. Ad for AVATAR by "Diplo"; for WULFGAR by "Solaris"; for ARISTO by "Dragon Radieux Editions." Ad by "Ravensburger" for CARAVANE, HIPPOFOLIES, a strategic solitaire game - SERPENTINES.

To the Cerns. Brought Ronnie the UBI dupl. of 10/26/89. To a rummage sale: bought RISK for the parts; bought CAREERS (P.) - I think a later edition than those I have; 50¢ each. To a bookstore in a mall to look at THE FANTASTIC BOOK OF BOARD GAMES (St. Martin's Press" - large book w. 14 game boards, but very simple play-

(cont. on 4/1)

Called Bob Abbott. He wants to sell me the tape w. the movie on the inventors of TRIVIAL PURSUIT. It is not great, more of a curiosity that it was done. I decided not to buy it. We spoke abt. getting together, but nothing definite.

Call from Herb Levy. They have another game playing couple coming on 4/13. Spoke abt. our coming also, but finally changed our date to 4/11. At sales he got dupl. copies of MANEUVER (Gamma two Games) - (I got rules on 3/22/80), STAR COMMANDER, & S.O.B. (SAVE OUR BUREAUCRATS). He asked me to bring the components for BULLS & BEARS (P) (but later checked & I don't have much on this). I reminded him abt. STOCK EXCHANGE (see Corn folder - 4/28/79) & I'll bring info.

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didn't buy. Back, & he showed me a slipcase he bought w. 3 Martin Gardner books: KNOTTED DOUGHNUTS AND OTHER MATHEMATICAL ENTERTAINMENTS (#11 in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN series); TIME TRAVEL AND OTHER MATHEMATICAL BEWILDERMENTS (#12) - he pointed out my idea for a TANGRAMS [redacted] GAME; FROM PENROSE TILES TO TRAPDOOR CIPHERS (#13) - don't have this (see 4/28/88). Played PE-LING - BB was 4 pts. short, made 2 pts. in next hand, then I came ahead to beat him at the she reached 48; Bonnie said it was "too good for International Games." Played 3-hand FOURWORDS - the new version of WORD FOR WORD (see 1/6); after seeing their 5 cards players write 2 words on one sheet of paper & 2 on another; when one of the 2 is formed that sheet is shown; win when 2nd sheet is shown; there are still some problems w. the possibility of no word being possible, the use of "go again" cards which he added, and the ★ cards being too powerful. Played AD LINERS & it was fun. Audrey gave me the following clippings: WALL STREET JOURNAL - CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW, [redacted] IT CAME FROM THE DESSERT (NEC), SUPER MARIO BROS. 3 (Nintendo), GAMEBOY (Nintendo), TURBOGRAFX-16 (NEC), MOONWALKER & GENESIS (Sega), LYNX (Atari); WALL STREET JOURNAL - "Tedco Inc." @ TOY FAIR; TIMES - "Unique Promotions" w. CLARK TOWNSHIP GAME, CAPE MAY GAME, TIMES - article on "Chopsticks"). Next date on 4/28. Thinking abt. PE-LING. For the "basic" game I'll probably eliminate the necessity of making a meld in order to pick up, [redacted] & the picking up out of turn - except to "go out."

Message on machine from Bob Abbott. He taped a movie from Canada abt. the inventors of TRIVIAL PURSUIT. Call him if I want to see it; otherwise he'll tape over it.

Bonnie Corn showed me HOLLYWOOD POKER. You choose a "gal" by name, then play "Poker" w. her. After she loses a certain amt. she removes an article of clothing, etc. At the rummage sale Bonnie bought STAGE II (MB) at my recommendation. I asked if he would trade for his JATI; yes, but not sure he kept his testing copy (they had to return one from each 2). He'll look & let me know if he has it.

Answered her questions, made comments on her rules, and then returned the mat'l. to MaryEllen Podgorski. Checked to see it in BRAX 2 pcs. can capture 1; they can.

From "Franckh-Kosmos" rcd. letter w. another copy of the list of games rcd. on 3/30 (put in box w. the games).

Rcd. from "Hugendubel": NEUE TAKTIKSPIELE MIT WÜRFELN UND KARTEN (Looks interesting!). Packing slip w. ad sheet (in folder).

Call from fellow who got my no. from Burt Hochberg. He bought a wooden board for TRIPOLY (hand made I think). Told him it was by "Cadaco-Ellis" & gave him their nos.

Played PE-LING w. BB allowing picking up without making a meld. It is actually more strategic - which, of course, is logical.

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Letter to George Yonekawa: METROPOLIS royalty; sent variations for CAN'T STOP

Letter from Leigh Ardrey, w. repro of article in 3/29 WALL STREET JOURNAL on his SPECULATION; also mention of WALL STREET TRADER (Friedel Paper Box Inc.) & WHIPSAW (James Higgs). (Placed in '90 misc.)

Rcd. "UPS" package w. 2 "Orda" games: JIGAWORD & MAKHBUSA/PERSIAN BACKGAMMON. Also "Davis-Grabowski" 1990-1991 catalog & card of managing directors, "Orda" in catalog: TAKE TEN, FRACTIONS, MATTIX, NUMBER-RINGS, CRAZY QUILT, WORDY, RAYS OF LIGHT, TANGRAM, USE YOUR MARBLES, JUMP'N BUMP, SHIFT!.

Made estimates of my "Keough" & "IRA" holdings at my 70th birthday. Called Mel Bush twice & left messages. (× .08/12 = .0067)

"Dollar Keough"	– $77,206 at end of '89	+ $517	= $77,723
"Anchor "	– $6,588 " " " "	+ $ 44	= $ 6,632
" IRA "	– $12,427 " " " "	+ $ 83	= $ 12,510

Rcd. royalty statement for PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD (1989/12). Still $1,022 in the hole.

From "Schubel & Son" rcd. ad for GLOBAL SUPREMACY PBM. (In '90 misc.)

Called Jan Treveys of ABALONE. In Europe until 4/17. I'll try on 4/18.

Actually went over the March PLAY THINGS today (see 3/14) & sent card.

Called Mel Bush in the evening & got him. He asked me to mail the "Keough-IRA" data to him - he is punchy. He mailed my returns today.

From "Quest Games" rcd. ad for STARBASE - PBM game.

Rcd. tax returns from Mel Bush. Serious errors & called twice, leaving messages.

Call from MaryEllen Podgorski. Did I get the BRAX questions? Yes, & returned the req'd. mat'l. Spoke some more but can't remember details, except that they weren't sure what color the PCs will be & that she'll follow thru on the rules when they decide. Later call from John Cassidy - also on BRAX I think, but can't remember. Also abt. ALOA; he's looked at it but any consideration of doing it will wait till present book is finished.

In connection w. wanting to write to Joe Nikisch abt. it, looked at BUSINESS KIDS GAME. Thinking of SUCCESS as a possible new name.

Rcd. "Fed. Ex." package from MaryEllen Podgorski w. their rules for the following games - my original name in ( ): SHOGI (HASAMI SHOGI); DALMATIAN PIRATES (ASALTO); ELEVEN MEN MORRIS (ELEVEN MEN'S MORRIS); HEX; 3D TIC TAC TOE (TIC-TAC-TOE-3D); BRAX; CATS & DOGS (BLUE AND GRAY); HOPPERS (GRASSHOPPER). She [redacted] has a few questions. (She enclosed "Fed. Ex." folders for returning at their expense.)

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#123). In quick look, doesn't seem to have anything on board games. From separate listing of their products kept a listing of their "Boardgames and 3-D Roleplay": TALISMAN-THE GAME, DUNGEONQUEST, BLOOD BOWL, SPACE HULK, DARK FUTURE, SPACE MARINE, CODEX TITANICUS, JUDGE DREDD ROLEPLAYING GAME; also listing of "Warhammer" products. There was a card for continuing the free subscription, which I sent in - checking that I was a "game designer" & a "contributing editor."

From "Davis-Grabowski" rcd. shipping sheets on JIGAWORD & MAKHBUSA (discarded).

From Jürgen Geibel of "Ravensburger" rcd. letter abt. a German Co. wanting to use METROPOLIS mechanism for a house give-away.

Called Mel Bush & left another message.

Call from Felicia. She rcd. a letter from Bill Riva, that he'd like to work w. "A.H." selling BALI in Europe. He wants her to write a folder as a sales pitch. She felt it best to just ignore the letter - & I agreed.

To the Soucies. (Drove to Sizzler, but closed; ate at Glendale Diner.) Played SUCCESS (probably without Claude). Claude had a GAME, but it didn't work out.

To Dale. At "Peddler's Mart" bought the following:- 2 containers of "Super Glue" (49¢ each); 24"x18" roll of mottled brown "Con-Tact" ($1.99); IT'S ONLY MONEY: THE GAME (ESM Marketing Group)-($2.99).

Called Mel Bush in morning. Called him again & got him at Dale's. To his office after leaving Dale at restaurant. Went over the things I found & -hopefully- he corrected them all. He gave me his files of my returns from

To Laurences (very late & Annette screamed!), Jill back from CA.; She, Phil, & I played SUCCESS; Jill won 1st 3 phases and was way ahead w. money so we conceded; they liked it anyway. Then played PE-LING, Phil asking to stay out; played first w. picking up only in turn - Annette won; then w. picking up anybody's discard to make a meld - BB won w. a 48 pt. hand after making a score; the Laurences definitely preferred the latter. (Will probably call the first - "Beginner's Game"; the latter - "Basic Game"; & then can go on to levels of "Advanced Games.")

At "Peddler's Mart" saw CROSSWORDS (see 2/21/89) for $3.99 but didn't buy; seems to be a matter of getting the chance to get a clue for a word to fill in your diagram. Also saw 2nd edition of A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES for $7.99.

Dale gave me clipping from THE RECORD on her & her dolls, w. mention of me.

8 SUN

FRIDAY • APRIL 1990

GOOD FRIDAY • 98TH DAY • 267 DAYS TO COME

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APRIL 1977 • [redacted]DAY 9

HOLY SATURDAY • 99TH DAY • 266 DAYS TO COME

HAVE YOU FILED YOUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX REPORT FOR 1976
AND ESTIMATED DECLARATION FOR 1977?

10 TUES SUNDAY • APRIL 1990

EASTER SUNDAY • 100TH DAY • 265 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. LIP LOCK (Mauro Concepts, Inc.) - w. personal letter & other sheets.

Call from MaryEllen Podgorski. Told her I rcd. her last "Fed. Ex" package (see 4/6) but that couldn't do much w. it because of taxes. Did tell her that SHOGI is a completely diff. game from HASAMI SHOGI, and that in 3D TIC TAC TOE a line can be formed all on one plane. Spoke abt. sending back the mat'l. by "Fed. Ex," - their no. is ((1167-0138-3)). In CHIVALRY some of the testers said it was too easy to just go along the sides; just defend a-long the sides. They would like to include SEEGA since it was in ancient Egypt, but it bogs down; told her I had included same ideas for improving the game, but will look into it some more. They find that FOUR FIELD KONO & FIVE FIELD KONO don't work; told her that I hadn't had a chance to play all 30 games, but I'll look into it. Once players get familiar w. SURAKARTA they find it very exciting; they find the 2 colors very helpful. She asked if I could find any more historical mat'l.; told her I'd try but it is very hard to locate anything - games were just not taken seriously enough.

Playing around w. SEEGA by myself & w. BB, came up w. the following "Extra Rules" to be used to be used together: #2, #4. Also strongly recommend playing to a score, when a player "wins" he scores as many pts. as he has remaining. With a "separated" victory the player scores the diff. btw. the remaining pcs. Think abt. adding 4 or 5 pts. to each of these for the "victory."

Letter from Rudolf Rühle, asking for rules for THE MOUSE TRAP GAME (Ideal), mentioning FANG DIE MAUS (Arxon).

BB called Annette Laurence in the evening. Busy playing TRIAD (my simplified PE-LING version) & then called back.

Rcd. DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE (Nr. 2/90 - April/mai '90). (This is probably thanks to Jack Jaffe - see 9/28.) → "Messeneuheiten 1990": "Amigo"- BEUTEZUG, CHIP IN, DON MARTIN'S KARTENSPIEL; "Citadel Verlag"- FLUX, KÖNIG ARTUS, DER HEILIGE GRAL; "Edi Bauer"- TECOGO, SACOMA, LEGION, L-SPIEL von Edward de Bono; "Hexagames"- DRACHENLACHEN von Reinhold Wittig, CHAIN REACTION von S.S.; "Hugendubel Verlag"- NEUE TAKTIKSPIELE MIT WÜRFELN UND KARTEN, DIE SIEBENTE SEITE DES WÜRFELS; "Huki"- RETTE UNSERE UMWELT, NACHBARN, SATI-serie, FORMICA; "Olga International"- GLASNOST; "Klee Spiele"- dropping ACQUIRE, MARNON, HEXENMEISTER VOM FLAMMENDEN BERG, BLINDE JUSTIZ, SCHÜTZ UNSERE ERDE, EUROPA A LA CARTE, REISE DURCH DIE DDR; "Die Nationenstände"- MARKBUSA, BRAINTWISTER, SHIFTI; "ASS"- CONFLIX, RENNFIEBER, IM DRACHENLABYRINTH; "Franckh'Kosmos"- LOCOMOTION, SHERLOCK HOLMES CRIMINAL CABINET, BREMER STADTMUSIKANTEN, PIRATEN INC.; "F.X. Schmid"- WUNDERWATSCHLER, VIA BAVARIA, SIEBTEN HIMMEL, BATMAN-POKER GEGEN JOKER; "Mattel"- GREYHOUNDS, ZUG NACH WESTEN, SUPPENKASPER, CAFE INTERNATIONAL; "Novis"- WALPURGISNACHT; [redacted]"Tonka"- MONOPOLY, BAUE AUF DER SCHLOSSALLEE; "Ravensburger"- DER FLIEGENDE TEPPICH, ELEFANTENPARADE; "Schmidt Spiel & Freizeit"- HOTELHAIE/ACQUIRE; "Spear"- SCRABBLE, [redacted] DENKFIX, MASTERMIND, MINGH, SABOTAGE, PARTNER GESUCHT; article on KARAWANE (Ravensburger)-w. comparison to RIOMBO; article on ADEL VERPFLICHTET (FX Schmid); article on SAHARA (F.A.N. Verlag); article on ZUM ERSTEN, ZUM ZWEITEN UND... ZUM DRITTEN!; article on SPIRIT (Mattel); article on HUSKY (Sala); HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH (sbv-Verlag). "Ads": "Schmidt Spiele"- DOMINAS, HÜTCHEN SPIEL, DA HABEN WIR DEN SALAT!, KUDDEL MUDDEL, QUIEK QUAK MIAU, WORTSCHLANGE, PADDINGTON LOTTO, HEISSE OHREN; "Abacus Spiele/Verlag Matthias Senke"- DICKE KARTOFFELN, PIRATENBILLARD, PERPETUUM MOBILE, WIKINGERSCHACH; "Hugendubel"- DIE 7. SEITE DES WÜRFELS; "F.X. Schmid"- DENK...MAL; "Ravensburger"- DAS GLASTROPFEN SPIEL, KARAWANE. Article on German game magazines: DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE; GAMES; SPIELHIMMEL; ALEA; SPIELBOX - also SPIELWELT, ZAUBERZEIT, FANTASYWELT, WUNDERWELTEN. Article by Derek Carver on DICKE KARTOFFELN. Article by Friedhelm Merz on Wolfgang Kramer: HEIMLICH & CO.; TEMPO, FORMEL 1, IM 7. HIMMEL, IN 80 TAGEN UM DIE ERDE; BÜRGERMEISTERSPIEL to FORUM ROMANUM, COUP to HOLIDAY AG; AUF ACHSE; picture of him & Bernd Brunnhofer of "Hans im Glück" playing "Rainer Knizia's" GOLDRAUSCH; CASH; BURGENLAND to TERRA TURRIUM; DAS GROSSE EISENBAHNSPIEL, MITTERNACHTSPARTY; listing of his published games. Rules for LIAR'S DICE (MB/USA); Article on MAI 68 (Jeux Rexton); on RISE & FALL (Engelmann Military Simulations/EMS). "Computerspiele"- POPULOUS. Article on TEMPÊTE (Ludodélire). "Fantasy-Rollenspiel"- STURMBRINGER, DAS SCHWARZES AUGE (Schmidt Spiel). "PBM"- TURBO 2000. "Denk-Revue"- BLACK BOX. Ad by "Hexagames" for WELTENBUMMLER. Among small ads, one wants FOCUS (P.), another wants BLOCKADE (Bät.). Ad by "P." for COSA NOSTRA.

Did a little work on a model for [redacted]PE-LING.

Envelope from B. ILBiva. Letter mentioning TAKE-A-WORD, CORNER, FOREIGN INTRIGUE; TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN, ODD OR EVEN.

(cont. on 4/15)

Went over the "Klutz" matl. I rcd. from MaryEllen Podgorski (see 4/6), and copied the corrections onto the set to return. (Discovered a label all filled out to return by "Fed Ex".)

Called Mimi & Jules Cooper. With Mimi arranged date on 4/28; they'll call for directions. In talk w. Jules he said he sold a children's game in Greece. Withholding of tax in a foreign country came up, and he said that in that case U.S. tax doesn't have to be paid. Realized that I had told Lynn we had 4/28 open if they could get a baby sitter. Called Herb Levy and told him "something came up"- no problem. Asked, and he didn't find anything in sales today. He did get a copy of ANYBODY'S GUESS from "western"-not bad. I asked abt. RACE TO RICHES; he asked for it, but they said it was only being sold locally, & sent ANYBODY'S GUESS instead.

Visit from Robin & John. Played SUCCESS but didn't finish the last phase; he liked it & she didn't. Showed them PE-LING she liked it but he didn't get it at all. For some reason Robin wanted to see QUICK WIT (& got some soda on it - but no damage).

(Cont. from 4/13) [4/13]

NEAT FIT, DOMINO BEAD GAME, TOTALLY • "Thanks for the NY show book." Enclosed complete info on STACK (BB Games) - the movement stolen from FOCUS. Royalty report on FOCUS in Germany for 12/19/89, -1.40. Repros from WHAT TOY (a mag.?): "Family Fun" • (only a few listed, since most are just for kids) - SPROING! (Peter Pan Playthings), DON'T PANIC (Coleco), JUMP THE QUEUE (Spears), THE HAMBURGER GAME (Spears), THE TREASURE HUNT GAME (Paul Lamond), WORD TOWER (Child's Play), TOPPLE (Waddingtons), WHIPLASH (Peter Pan Playthings), SLIDERS (Hasbro Bradley), GARFIELD'S PARTY GAME (Paul Lamond), GRAB A WORD (John Adams), STARLETTA (Lucey Games), INITIAL SUBJECT (Waddingtons), HANGMAN (Hasbro Bradley), QUESTIQUE (Questique International), OCEAN TRADER (Clipper Games), SHRIEKS & CREAKS (Spearhead Industries), PLAYBACK (Peter Pan Playthings), TREASURE OF THE INCAS (Fisher Price), MALONEY'S INHERITANCE (Fisher Price), ENIGMA (Polydron UK), QUADROMANIA (Red Dragon Games), INSPECTOR HIGGINS (Fisher Price), FASHION CHALLENGE (Wildwood Design), 20 QUESTIONS (Hasbro Bradley), LISTENING TO THE MUSIC (J.T.I), TIME WILL TELL (Fingers Crossed Games), GET YOU! (Action GT), ~~BRUCE~~ TRIUMPH (Creative Crusade), SCRABBLE (Spears), SORRY! (Waddingtons); "Index of Products"; "Manufacturers & Suppliers Index).

From "West End Games" rcd. ad sheets on TORG roleplaying game w. THE POSSIBILITY WARS & others. (Also a poster which I discarded.)

Letter from Andy Steppe. Would like copy of BORDERLANDS. (Rcd a dupl. on 9/1/87.)

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APRIL 1990 • DAY 15

105TH DAY • 260 DAYS TO COME (Easter)

Call from Ronnie Corn. He found a JAIL, but it was the ~~puzzle that~~ "3M" put out after they killed the JAIL board game.

Took out rules for CRESCENDO CHESS (see '76) & HELIOS to repro for David Pritchard.

~~LAST DAY TO FILE YOUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX REPORT FOR 1989~~
~~AND ESTIMATED DECLARATION FOR 1990~~

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From Edith Slotkin rcd. PORT EVERGLADES; THE GAME (a spaof ~~spoof~~ actually) in THE MIAMI HERALD.

Letter from Bill Bailey, who got my no. from Tom Braunlich. Wants help w. putting oven his TRIGAMMON board game.

Called "Fed. Ex." & they picked up the "Klutz" mat'l. later in the afternoon. Actually BB had to call the office when the man refused to pick up the envelope because I didn't have 2 copies of label on it; he then came back.

To GAMES for "Games Giveaway". Took the following games (in most cases didn't check for completeness or whether I already have a copy): THE GAME OF MEDICI (International Team); THE SYNDICATE (Tri-Ascend); EMPIRE MANIA "THE HOCKEY CONQUEST (Hilltop Games) - in shrink wrap; SPELLBOUND (Midway Publications); POWER QUEST (P.Q. Co.); MAFIOPOLY (Eco-Systems) - to be played w. a MONOPOLY set; E-KE (E-KE Ltd.); STARSHIP DUEL I (FASA) - rules & more missing; PER-CEP-TIONS (Martin Creatics); OBOL (Summit Products Corp.) - dupl. but ~~more complete than~~ rcd. it as THE GAME OF O in '89 - (added to box rcd. in '89); THE ROARING 20's (~~Ken~~ Yaquinto) - dupl. - 2 incomplete sets, so took all the parts in one "box/board"; RUSSIAN ROULETTE (The Other Leading Brand Co.); INK BLOTZ (Decipher). (Left 2 ~~other~~ shelves of games to take tomorrow.) (RUSSIAN ROULETTE is a dupl.). Saw the following games, but after checking at home that I had them decided not to take them tomorrow: MONEY TALKS (rcd. 8/26/87); THE THIRD ESTATE (rcd. 9/4/87); DARK FUTURE (10/18/88); MEGACORP (rcd. 3/17/88). Showed Will Shortz the German GAMES mag. and he made copies to give to "Jerry". Gave him the 9/23/89 dupl. of GAMES INTERNATIONAL #4. Told him that if "Jerry" does do anything abt. it, not to mention me.

Call from Felicia. She rcd. a letter from Bill Riva abt. Tom Shaw wanting him to check on royalties in Spain (??). She'll ignore it. Maria called her Sunday - and also sent love to us.

Rcd. TRADE WINDS back from "Franckh Kosmos" w. pleasant letter from Klaus-Dieter Kilz. Would like to see other of my games. Mentions [redacted] AYAND, and sending others.

Call from Burt Hochberg. Did I take THE [redacted] IN GAME? no.

W. Dana in my car to GAMES before 7 P.M. Dana stayed in car while I brought down the following games (again in most cases didn't check for completeness or whether I already have a copy): DICEYROLLEY (Executive Visions Co.); THE IMPROV COMEDY GAME (TDC Games); GO DIAMONDS! (Network Systems Products); MEGA-RAIDER (Universal Games) - dupl. (see 3/16/87); PAIR-A-PHRASES (Ethel Stockton) - rules missing; BEAT THE MARKET (MCMA) - parts missing but can, but can be replaced; THE CRAFT FAIR GAME (The Craft Fair Game Co.); THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR (Ronin Enterprises, Inc.); L.A. GAME (It's About Time, Inc.); THE ORIGINAL FRANTIC CITY (Good Games Inc.); SOCCER STARS (Sol-Tec); WALL STREET RAIDERS (Wall Street Raiders Inc.); HEX-MEISTER (?) - Rules missing; DOMINEW (New Line/Sharon International) - Rules missing, but pretty sure I have a copy; GAMMON IV (Lane Multi-Player Inc.) - rules only; WORLD BANK (Rural Praxis, Inc.) - rules missing, but adding those I reprod on 3/16/89; INSIGHTS (M. Boggs Inc.); BATTLEDROIDS (Fasa); THE PLAZA (Stacia Alden); CLOAK & DAGGER (Ideal); LOSE YOUR SHIRT (House of Games/Waddingtons); QUEST (Ravensburger); GAGLINE (Invisions, Inc.); GRAND PRIX CRIBBAGE (D. Bader); WORLD AFFAIRS (Kolojay Games, Inc.); PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES (John R. Stoeffler); THE MENTAL IMAGE (Pastime Productions, Inc.); MERLIN'S MAZE (Thomas W. Tindall).
Later found that I left off the following 5 games: DAS GROSSE RENNEN (P. Germany); PIRATES CHOICE (Donald Koeller); WHO, ME? YES ... YOU! (Shulmark); FORTUNET (R.M. Samuels); SYMBOL SIMON (University Games).

Called Jan Travers. Still not back in U.S.; probably coming next wk. The one I spoke to said he is more likely to be at "Abalone" office - ((956-7200)) than "Price Signs" office - ((315-3838)). (See 3/30/89).

Called Mary Pietromonoco & left message on her machine abt. TABOO & READY SET! SPAGHETTI (see 3/27). Didn't call back.

Rcd. April PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following: Pc. on Jane Withers, her doll collection, & establishing a museum; Pc. on Robert Fuhrer & "Asahi Corp."; Pc. on "A.H." introducing MARCH MADNESS & RED BARRICADES - the 8th ASL module; Ad for THE IN GAME (Meant to Be Games, Inc.); Pc. on "Just Toys" w. THE PIZZA HUT GAME & GRABBIN DRAGONS; Pc. on [redacted] "The Gamesters" w. JUST GEORGE GAME - w. mention of LIAR'S POKER; Pc. on "Tiger Electronics" w. MOTOR MOUTH & NOTEABILITY; [illegible]-card #; Pc. on "Greenleaf Steel Rule Die" & PLAY 7 OR 11 - card #; Pc. on ABALONE.

Thinking of making the shapes meaningful in the "basic" version of PE-LING. In Class II & Class III melds an "honor" is 2 natural pairs where neither the color nor the shape match; w. 1 or 2 matches it is a "plain." This makes honors harder to get - which they should be.

Going over the "Games Giveaway" and almost finished. Almost all fit in 5 boxes.

Call from Noel Jennings (328 E. 90th St., New York, NY 10028 → 410-3873). At "Harrowgate Fair" (spelling?) in England he got a copy of THE BIG BANG & a brochure on LEVEL THREE – both of which he'll send me; he told the people that they ~~we~~ never hear from me. I offered to pay for the postage, but he said I didn't charge him for my time (see 12/8/89). His game SOCCERDRAMA is being published in Ireland; he will go there in a few wks. to wind things up.

Going over the games from "Games Giveaway" & ~~finished~~ finished. (But see 4/21.)

Finished the cards for PE-LING except for erasing guide lines.

Call from Robin King. We'll get together some Sunday – she'll call w. the date.

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sent already. Some new games have come in and she is sending those. If don't get anything by next Thurs, give her a call.

Completed the PE-LING deck, w. a little touching up as required.

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Called Mary Pietromonaco and left another message.

At BB's suggestion played a few hands of PE-LING w. the new deck. It didn't take long to get familiar w. the "marks." As a children's very simple version tried playing w. 8 cards & 2 melds - it worked O.K.

Letter to Jürgen Geibel abt. METROPOLIS (see 4/6).

Call from Herb Levy (at school w. some time to kill). He got a price from his printer for 500 sets of stationery - $63.53 - they wouldn't do less than 500. He rcd. a letter from ADAJE; told him I had heard from them (SEE '88). He got a dupl. of MELTDOWN which I previously told him I needed. Asked him if he had a dupl. of BORDERLANDS; no; asked what he would charge if he had one - $25 to $30.
While checking on MELTDOWN - couldn't find record of getting a copy - found that I got a copy of TRI-GAMMON on 4/4/87.
Herb Levy said that he got a dupl. of BAZAAR that he'd trade to me - to send to Jerome Roberts. Told him that I'd just as soon have him sell it. We'll talk abt. it.

On "shelf 74" noticed THE MAGNIFICENT RACE, which was the [redacted] English version of DAS GROSSEN RENNEN which I took on 4/17.

Rcd. GAME TIMES (Issue #12). Picture of CASEY JONES Game Box (Saalfield Publ. Co.); of EDUCATIONAL ANGRAMS [redacted] box (A.I. Root). Article on "Major Game Exhibit Showcased at S.F. Int'l Airport" - organized by Bruce Whitehill; mention of AROUND THE WORLD WITH NELLIE BLY, WIDE WORLD; "Roplogle Globe" & their GLOBAL AIR RACE & HOLIDAY; and many others. Trip thru "MB" factory, guided by Michael Gray. "Featured Company: Saalfield Publishing Co." w. the following 6 the only ones "Erika Wilson" knows of: ANIMAL GAME, HOOT!, DONKEY PARTY, BILLY WHISKERS, LITTLE BLACK SAMBO (w. picture & description), CASY JONES; (in quick look found BLOCKHEAD in old card file). Pc. on STAMPIN' (Rainy Day Designs). Pc. from NEW YORKER on Burt Hochberg saying 1040 is "the worst game he had ever encountered." "AGCA Auction Prices Convention 1989" - run by Rally Dennis & others. Pc. on "Pleasant Co." w. reproductions of MANSION OF HAPPINESS (Ives), WHAT D'YE BUY? (McLoughlin), GET IN THE SCRAP (MB). Questions on MON OP & BONCO. Bruce Whitehill asks for rules for AMERICAN EAGLE (P.), TIPSY PHILOSOPHERS (E.A. Day and Co.), TRUSTS AND BUSTS or FRENZIED FINANCE (Optimus Publ. Co.). "Answers" - Bruce says that "MB's" LE CHOC in the '40s developed into STRATEGO (!!!). Among games wanted: CONTACK (P.); CAMELOT; BOOM OR BUST, CABBY, DIG IT, PILE UP. Also included an "1990 AGCA Prices" listing (placed in AGCA misc. catalog).

Message from Mary Pietromonaco. It seems that TABOO has been

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Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (June). Nothing on games.
Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#124). Nothing on board games of interest to me.

Rcd. package from "Hexagames": THE ROMANS/RÖMER, GHOSTS/GESPENSTER, DIGGING, DRAGON LAUGHTER/DRACHENLACHEN, SAHARA, HAITHABU. Moved the rules for these 6 games - rcd. on 3/27 - to the package. "Short message" from Joe Nikisch - that 6 copies of CHAIN REACTION are coming.

When I was going to make a note on DAS GROSSEN RENNEN, found that I didn't record it. Checked and there were 4 others that I missed - see 4/17.

Visit from Laurences. Played PE-LING. At first Annette said she found the new cards confusing. But she won & Phil was 2nd.

To Dale's. Brought NERF BLAST-A-BALL for Stephie & Brian. At "Cost Cutters" bought the following: 147 sheets of construction paper in 8 colors (including black)($1.99); book of 48 sheets of heavyweight construction paper ($1.59-mark down "8¢" because of damage!!); 2 packages of 70 5"x3" index cards in 5 colors (67¢ each)-(later discovered that they were ruled). Phil gave me article on AACA meeting from ANTIQUES AND THE ARTS WEEKLY

Call from Christian Beiersdorf (I am pretty sure) of ~~F.X. Schmid~~. He asked abt. VENTURE; told him that "Hexagames" was considering it, but pretty sure I could get it back from them; also told him that "A.H." told me that it was no longer w. "Schmidt Spiel"; told him that "A.H." would be involved; promised him an answer within 2 wks, since they are closing their 191 line. I asked, & Peter Schmid will be coming to ~~Stat mtng St~~ STATIONERY SHOW; I'm looking forward to seeing him.

Thru PLAYTHINGS rcd. envelope from "Meant to Be Games, Inc.": sheets on THE IN GAME & LAST CALL; ordering matl., which I discarded.

Rcd. THE GENERAL (Vol. 26, No. 1). "Philosophy" discusses complaint from some readers that "A.H." is moving away from "pure war games". Ad for RED BARRICADES, played w. ASL & others. Articles on MERCHANT OF VENUS, including a variant. ACQUIRE in "Best Sellers" listings. Variant for DARK EMPEROR. "New Games" ad: ELDER SECRETS & THE HAUNTED RUINS for RUNEQUEST; 5TH FLEET; SHELL SHOCK - 2-player version of AMBUSH!; MARCH MADNESS; RED BARRICADES. Article on DUNE variant called THE LANSRAAD MANEUVER. A sample game of solitaire DINOSAURS OF THE LOST WORLD. ASL scenario "P" - "The Road to Wiltz"; scenario "O" - "The St. Goar Assault." Article on KINGMAKER. Part two of article on STATIS-PRO FOOTBALL. Ad for LEGENDS OF THE LOST REALM - a computer fantasy. Article on STELLAR CONQUEST; on WEST OF ALAMEIN. "Black Tea for Two" - a KREMLIN variant. "Coming Attractions" - REPUBLIC OF ROME. Ad for CIVILIZATION "West Extension Kit." Article on Advanced CIVILIZATION. ~~Ad~~ Ad for PAST WARS.

Rcd, ~~[illegible]~~ AMERICA'S CROWN STAKES (Mind over Matter Games, Inc.) Nice letter from Thomas Volpert Jr. (left in box) & his card.

Letter to David Pritchard: sent rules for CRESCENDO CHESS & HELIOS: THE GAME OF THE GODS; ~~sent~~ all mat'l. on FREISCHACH was sent; NOST convention and suggested a visit here.

Not. 5A.M. called Joe Nikisch at "Hexagames."

Rcd. package from "Mary Pietromonaco" w. TABOO, READY! SET! SPAGHETTI!, & THE BABY SITTERS CLUB GAME (to give to Stephie). Covering letter from Mary (The Rowland Co./MB).

Rcd. package from Noel Jennings: Copy of BIG BANG (Mind Games Ltd.-Ireland); his card; sheets on LEVEL 3 (Grump Ltd.) (see 2/19/89) (placed these in Misc '90 folder).

Rcd. NAMEDROPPERS (Gripper Productions)-(probably thru PLAYTHINGS).

Letter to Christian Beiersdorf of "F.X. Schmid": VENTURE, "A.H." Jackson Dott; Peter Schmid, STATIONERY SHOW.

Rcd. package from "Hexagames" w. 6 copies of CHAIN REACTION (n rules - as I think Joe Nikisch told me).

Rcd. ANALOG - June '90. Matthew Costello writes on computer revolutions, w. mentions of "Sierra On-Line" and their KING'S QU SPACE QUEST III, HERO'S QUEST, & THEIR FINEST HOUR: THE BATTLE OF BRITA this one by "Lucasfilm." (In '90 misc.)

Rcd. GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT (Spring '90). Reviews: 5TH FLEET (Victory Games); THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM (A.H.); [illegible] BALANCE OF POWER 1990 (Mindscape), STARFLEET II (Interstel Corp), THE DC HEROES ROLE-PLAYING GAME (2nd edition) (Mayfair Games) SPECULATION (Cayla Games) - by Leigh Ardrey; AD LINERS (Pressman "Final Ballot for the ORIGINS Awards 1989". "Information Center" scheduled from "Mayfair Games - EURORAIL, EXPRESS; THE RAILROAD CARD GAM "New From SSI" - SECOND FRONT, WATERLOO; "Victory Games" moving to Baltimore; "News From the Hill" - MARCH MADNESS, SHELL SHOCK, RED BARRICADES; "Magazines" - THE CANADIAN WARGAMERS JOURNAL, CHALLENGE, FIRE & MOVEMENT, BREAKOUT!, THE GRENADIER, COUNTERATTA "More Computer Games" - LHX ATTACK CHOPPER (Electronic Arts), SKI (Electronic Arts), KRISTAL (Cinemaware Corp. & E.A.); "A New Fantasy World - TORG (West End Games); "TSR Presents" - FANTASY FOREST, MAGE STONES, WORLD WAR II, BATTLE OF BRITAIN; "Potpourri From Pari RISK & CASTLE RISK together, TRIVIAL PURSUIT: THE COMPUTER GAME, HEAVY SHREDDIN' - for "Nintendo; "The Sport of Kings" - AMERICA'S CROWN STAKE (Mind Over Matter Games), JOHN CAMPBELL'S CLASSIC HARNESS RACING (Matterin Enterprises Inc.).

Rcd. "Aristoplay" Winter 1990 catalog: PYRAMIDS AND MUMMIES, BY JO MADE FOR TRADE, MUSIC MAESTRO II, THE GAME OF GREAT COMPOSERS, WHERE IN THE WORLD?, POLLUTION SOLUTION, OUR TOWN, ARTDECK, FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD, HAIL TO THE CHIEF.

Rcd. check for $13.86 from "Pressman" for DOORWAYS TO HORROR 1st quarter '90. (No sale of DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE.

To GAMES. Made repros of the following - 3 each; BAZAAR II - rules and "Price List"; BANANA BLITZ - rules; IT'S A DEAL - complete info, played LAUNCH (Spacial Enterprises) w. Burt Hochberg & 2 others - I won & ended up liking it better than I thought I would; made repro of complete info (but later found that I rec'd. a copy on 3/12). Made the following repros: TRIBOND • Big Fun A GO GO, Inc) - rules, a "Catagory Card", 12 "Clue-Set Cards"; MEGACHESS/MEGACHECKERS (Mega Games, Inc.) - complete info; THE IN GAME (Meant To Be, Ltd.) - rules only; [redacted] SIMON SPELLS [redacted] (J.J. games, inc.) - rules & some more info. Spoke to Will Shortz; financing of the mag is still up in the air; in CT. he ran into Mike Donner - who lives in a commune there; will hears he is on pot, or more. From remnants of "the games giveaway" took the following: THE THIRD ESTATE (Vinlo Games) - dupl.; Attractive BACKGAMMON board; THE ECONOMY GAME (Cadaco) - dupl.; SPIES! (SPI) - dupl. - board & more missing; DAWN PATROL (TSR) - rules & probably more missing; "CORRUPTION" (J.W. Small Co.) After playing LAUNCH I asked and Burt said he'd try to get a copy for me.

TUES

MAY 1990 • SUNDAY 1

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • 121ST DAY • 244 DAYS TO COME

rcd. "UPS" package from "Pressman" w. ROLLETTE.

2 WEDNES
~~MON~~DAY • MAY 1997
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& separate envelope

Mailed letter to Joe Nikisch (which actually I wrote on 4/29 & 5/1, and which I dated 4/30): sending info on IT'S A DEAL, BANANA BLITZ, BAZAAR (II); asked abt. ANOTHER WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?, THE COLOR OF MONEY / TRADE WINDS; thanks for CHAIN REACTION.

THURS

MAY 1990 • [redacted]DAY 3

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Thru PLAYTHINGS red. ad sheets from "binary arts" re the following puzzles: TOP-SPIN, SPIN-OUT; IMPUZZLEBLES / METRO SUBWAY, HEX; BACK-FLIP / MOONWALK, COPS AND ROBBERS, FUNHOUSE, TREASURE HUNT (in '90 misc. folder).

Call from Felicia, she called "A.H." again and was told that someone would call her tomorrow, abt. the delay in getting the royalty payment to her. Mike Meyers of "MB" will be coming to see her in June to look at some things - particularly Pam Formato's; she spoke a little abt. Pam & Dan Ferrone.

FRI

4 WEDNESDAY • MAY 1970

124TH DAY • 241 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. "UPS" package w. ELIXIR (TSR). Letter from Paige Groleau, mentioning Burt Hechberg & ~~Mage~~ MAGE STONE; (left in box).

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Letter from Peter Schmid. Will be at STATIONERY SHOW.

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Letter from Andy Latto; SKAT - ACQUIRE; CAN'T STOP; BAZAAR; he bought DIE MACHER (which I rec. on 6/28/88); He'd like BEYOND TIC TAC TOE & CALCULATE! - he bought BEYOND COMPETITION; thanks for FIELDS OF ACTION from GAMES; offered me HIGH FINANCE, THE SIST CHALLENGE, CHESSERS (which he doesn't have rules - I bought copy on 1/5/71); has 3 of his own GAMES he'd like to send me.

Letter from Bill Riva. My games:- FOCUS; TAKE-A-WORD; CORNER- w. some new ideas, sending including to George Yonekawa; TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN, "Block Game"- probably BLOCKADE, DOMINO BEAD GAME, FOREIGN INTRIGUE, NEAT FIT. Ad sheets & rules for TRICOLOR (Peli Toukomies) - w. note that they did a game of mine (but see STACK info which he sent me - see 4/13). Clipping that "TV toy adverts may be banned by EC". Article on Francis Tresham his CIVILIZATION, 1829, 1853, others to come; MONOPOLY, SCRABBLE CLUEDO, CHESS.

Letter from MaryEllen Podgorski. Question on color presentation in BRAX. The following 16 games have been chosen: BLUE AND GRAY, GRASSHOPPER, 3D TIC TAC TOE (TIC-TAC-TOE-3D), ASALTO, ELEVEN MEN'S MORRIS, HEX, HASAMI SHOGI, BRAX, SOLITAIRE, FANORONA, SURAKARTA, MANCALA, CHECKERS, BACKGAMMON, REVERSI, Go. They want info, history, legends, etc.

Call from MaryEllen Podgorski. Gave her answer on BRAX. Told her abt. camel pellets for MANCALA & she liked it. Told her I'd get the letter out by 5/10, as she requested. Told her I'd like to see the final rules before they are printed.

FRI

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Call from Felicia to ask if she can hold up on check ~~for "A.H."~~ royalties a few more days - no problem.

Bad. THE WORLD OF BUSINESS KIDS/AMERICA'S FUTURE (Vol. 2, No. 2) - nothing on games.

Envelope from David Singmaster. Letter: dupl. ORION that Ruth Roufberg told him I had; THINK-A-DOT; SONA ADDICT, AVALANCHE. Page from CUBIC CIRCULAR w. Puzzles: HUNGARIAN RINGS, ROTASCOPE, TURNTABLES (MB-2), EQUATOR, one by Christiaan Freeling. Sheet w. "List of Available Material." List of CUBIC CIRCULARS available & other mat'l. Ad by "Oxford University Press" for THE INS AND OUTS OF PEG SOLITAIRE, RUBIK'S CUBIC COMPENDIUM; for THE MATHEMATICS OF GAMES, THE PUZZLING WORLD OF POLYHEDRAL DISSECTIONS by Stewart Coffin. Form letter on "Puzzle Collecting in China." Sheet on "Sources in Recreational Mathematics." "Addresses of Puzzle People" - w. me, Alex Randolph, and many others. "Addresses of some Puzzle Suppliers." Sheet of "Spare puzzles for trade or sale." Sheet of "Old puzzles and games wanted." Form letter for requesting catalogs. "Books on Puzzles and Mathematics for sale - or trade" (13+2 pages).

Red. SPIELBOX (Heft 2, April '90). Ad by "MB Spiele" for GOOPS. Picture & pc. on DEUTSCHES MUSEUM: DAS ERLEBNIS SPIEL. Ad by "Ravensburger" for BEI NACHT UND NEBEL. Article by Wolfgang Kramer on dice. Ad by "Hugendubel" for NEUE TAKTIKSPIELE MIT WÜRFELN UND KARTEN. Interview w. Kris Burm; mention of his PUSH OVER (Octogo) & others; rules for his INVERS. Ad by "Jumbo" for DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE. "Test": RÄUBERSPRUNG (ASS); HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH (sbv); ZUM ERSTEN, ZUM ZWEITEN UND... ZUM DRITTEN! (Schmidt-Spiel); BIG BAND (ASS); WER BIN ICH? (Schmidt-Spiel); LICHT UND SCHATTEN (Herder); HAITHABU (Hexagames) ((by Tom Kremer)). "Puzzle Spiele" - w. SCHWEIN GEHABT!, GIPSO (I.T.), PUZZLE-PARTY (F.X. Schmid), SITUATION 4 (Miró/P.), & others; "reading list" w. Erwin Glonnegger, Walter Luc Haas, Bernward Thole. Section on CHARISMA. Article on EINFALLS-PINSEL (ASS). "besser spielen" - POMPEII, TARGUI, CIVILISATION. "Showfenster Nürnberg": ADEL VERPFLICHTET (F.X. Schmid); COSA NOSTRA (P.); GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE, DAS (Jumbo); FLIEGENDE UNTERTASSEN (Noris); PENTHOUSE-KNIFFEL; GUINNESS-SPIEL DER REKORDE (Schmidt); HUSKY; TRIVIAL PURSUIT MUSIK-EDITION; KARAWANE & ROBIN HOOD & CASH & ASTERIX UND OBELIX (Ravensburger); SPIRIT VOBISCUM & GLÜCKSDYNASTE; REISE DURCH DIE DDR (K[illegible]ee); GLOSNOST (Olga International); SOVIET SYSTEM; Tom Werneck's Journalisten-Treff. Article on MERTWIG'S MAZE (TSR); on ZARGOS (I.T./Eurogames). "Spiel im Heft" - AUF HOHER SEE. "Spielend menschlicher lernen" - RATETURM (FX Schmid), BOGGLE (P.), WORT-WIRBEL (Ravensburger), ALONSO - ODER: ES LEBE DAS GUTE!. Article on Franz-Josef Schmitt, w. pictures of him & his models: MÜHLE, CRUDE, JEDER FÜR SICH, WENDELIN UND WANDA by Rudi Hoffman, PIRATENBILLARD by Reinhold Wittig, DAS GEHEIMNIS DER SCHATZINSEL. Ad by "sbv" for HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH. Article on CAR WARS. "Spielwiese": AUSGETRICKST (Sport-Spiele Heinz Fritzche) - written by Sven Kühle, PLOPP & KICK (PeLuLu-Spiele); KARLCHEN-MICH SCHAFFT IHR NIE! (ASS); SCHLONZ. Description of INTERPLAY by P. Shoptaugh "new at Essen". Ad by "FX Schmid" for ADEL VERFLICHTET; by "P." for COSA NOSTRA.

Rcd. P.D. Package w. MEGACHESS/MEGACHECKERS. Envelope w. ad mat'l. & letter from John Williamson - will be in NYC for INTERNATIONAL CHESS COLLECTORS event, May 24 to 28.

Rcd. JES (No 6 - Avril '90). Ad by "Eurogames" w. mentions of DRAGON NOIR, ZARGOS, & CRY HAVOC. Ad by "Ludodélire" for SUPERGANG, FULL METAL PLANETE, TEMPETE SUR L'ECNIQUIER, Sven Kübler writes abt. "Nuremberg": DICKE KARTOFFELN; MC MULTI (Hexagames), HOLIDAY AG (F.X. Schmid); SOVIET SYSTEM, GLASNOST, VOYAGE EN RDA; FLUX & ROBIN HOOD (Citadel); ADEL VERPFLICHTET / NOBLESSE OBLIGE & EIN SOLCHES DING (F.X. Schmid). Reviews: CARAVANE (Ravensburger), ROBIN DES BOIS (Ravensburger), MEDIGAG (Dragon Radieux); QUI DIT MIEUX? (Schmidt), "Les jeux du mois": COLORSGAME (Alain Royer Design), HIPPOFOLIES (Ravensburger), SAMSARA (Samsara), CORDON BLEU (L.A.C.), TRIVIAL PURSUIT (Tonka), HAJIME (Patrick Braud). Ad by "Diplo" for HYPASTIA - PBM. "Play it Again" - MASTER MIND w. 5 variantes: LES FICHES REVELATRICES!, MYSTAKE, LE CODE CHANGEANT, [redacted] BLACK MIND, ENQUETE. Ad by "Infogrames" for DRAKKHEN. "Magazin-Micro": FINAL COMMAND (Ubi Soft), PANZER BATTLES (SSG), STAR VEGA (Loriciel), INDIANAPOLIS 500 (Electronic Arts), CHAMPIONS OF KRYNN (SSI), EAGLE'S RIDER (Microids), STARFLIGHT 2 (Electronic Arts), FRED (Ubi Soft), PARIS-DAKAR 90 (Tomahawk), TV SPORTS BASKET-BALL (Cinemaware), TERRES ET CONQUERANTS (Ubi Soft); TOWER OF BABEL (Rainbird). "Dossier du Mois" on OTHELLO. "Classiques": OTHELLO, BRIDGE, ÉCHECS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BACKGAMMON, TAROT, GO, CANASTA, ABALONE. "La bibliothèque idéale du joueur" - listing many books, including 2 by Pierre Berloquin - 199 JEUX POUR INSOMNIAQUES & 50 PARIS IMPOSSIBLES. 2 complete games - TCHERNOBYL-SUR-LOIRE & COSMOS. "Les origines de la ROULETTE."

Thru PLAYTHINGS rcd. rules, etc. for ORBIS ('Bilou' Inc.); an action game.

Rcd. the telephone bill. Called abt. the 2 cut-offs on call to Joe Nikisch on 4/25. "Phil Martha" told me to remove the cost of entire call.

Rcd. May PLAYTHINGS & clipped the following items. Calender. Ad by "Acclaim" for 1943, KNIGHT RIDER, RING THING, WRESTLEMANIA WIZARDS & WARRIORS Ad by "Mind Over Matter Games" for AMERICA'S CROWN STAKES. "Trends": EURORAILS (Mayfair Games), ABSTRACTS (The Incredible Game Co.), MOTOR MOUTH (Tiger Electronics), SPELLBINDING (Go Games) - card*, COVER UPS (Mad Co) - card*, TRIBOND (Big Fun A GoGo) - card*, BESTSELL'R (Novel Ideas); LAST CALL (Meant To Be Games) - card*, HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (TSR), TWENTY FOUR (Suntex International), PUTT PUTT & TINY TENNIS (Bekom), THE DELIVERY GAME (Word Quest), THE GAME OF GOLF... BY THE RULES (Mountainman); AMERICA'S CROWN STAKES (M.O.M. Games), [redacted] ABALONE (Abalone Games Corp.) - 3 player, TUNE DIN (Friends Across the Border), SPECULATION (Cayla Games), LAUNCH (The Marino Group), SMASH HIT (Talicor) - card*. Several articles on "video games" w. pictures or pcs. on the following: GHOSTBUSTERS II (Activision), A BOY AND HIS BLOB (Absolute), ENTERACTIVE SPIDER-MAN (LJN), HEAVY SHREDDIN (P.); FRANCHISE FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Space Tech), PHANTOM FIGHTER (FCI), [redacted]; DOUBLE DRAGON II: THE REVEN (Acclaim), CHESSTER CHALLENGE (Fidelity Electronics Int.), AIR DIVER & SUPER HYDLIDE (Seismic Inc.); SUPER MARIO BROS. 3 (Nintendo), HEAVY BARREL & DASH GALAXY IN THE ALIEN ASYLUM (Data East), TRIVIAL PURSUIT: THE COMPUTER GAME (P.), PRINCE OF PERSIA (Broderbund), SHOVE IT!... THE WAREHOUSE GAME & TARGET EARTH (Dreamworks), CHAMPIONS OF KRYNN (SSI), WELLTRIS (Spectrum Holo Byte) - w. mention of TETRIS, HATRIS & PIPE DREAM (Bullet-Proof Software); THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER ELECTRONICS GAME (Fidelity Electronics Int.), ZWEI [redacted]

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Letter to Dan Glimne (see 3/16). Mentioned CHAIN REACTION, ESSENER SPIELTAGE.

Letter to John Williamson. Thanks for MEGACHESS; GAMES; invite. (form)

Letter from Will Shortz. ● "PSC" bankrupt as of 5/7. Hope for GAMES.

Call from MaryEllen Podgorski. They will go with the Chinese rules for GO.

Call from someone at "Bilou' Inc." for my opinion on ORBIS. Told her it was not my type of game. She said that it was put in the wrong group by PLAYINGS.

Left another message on Mel Bush's machine.

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~~(Schmidt Spiele)~~ (Schmidt Spiele). ZWEI from STRATEGIE 5 (w. mention of EINS & SPIELMALWAS! - ??), Article on BOCKIGE ESEL (Carlit). Review of GLÜCKSRAD (?). "Buchtip" - PHANTASTISCHE ZÜNDHOLZ SPIELE. Ads: ROBIN HOOD (Ravensburger); DICKE KARTOFFELN (Abacus Spiele); CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL (Mattel).

Letter from David Pritchard: Thanks for HELIOS; THE GAME OF THE GODS & CRESCENDO CHESS. Coming to N.Y.C. from NOST convention very unlikely; even the convention in doubt. Would like rules for PLOY & ONE-DIMENSIONAL CHESS.

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From "Pressman" rcd. "U.P.S" package w. READ MY LIPS.
Called "Pressman" to tell Sue Adams abt. GAMES. Out till Tues.
Asked to have her call me.

Rcd. FAIRPLAY (Nr. II Frühjahr '90). Ad for RIESE GROBIAN (Herder Spiele). "Der Nürnberger Prozess": "Ravensburger" - KARAWANE, ROBIN HOOD, ASTERIX UND DIE RÖMER, CASH, ASTROTIME, DIE HEISSE SCHLACHT AM KALTEN BUFFET - by Alex Randolph; "Politik im Spiel" - GLASNOST (Olga International), SOVIET SYSTEM (?), DDR-REISE (Klee); "FX Schmid" - ADEL VERPFLICHTET, HOLIDAY AG - by Wolfgang Kramer, AHA! - WER KENNT SEINE FREUNDE?, PATER NOSTER, EIN SOLCHES DING, KEEP SMILING; "Schmidt" - DRACHENHORT, SLOGAN, ZUM ERSTEN, ZUM ZWEITEN UND ... ZUM DRITTEN, WER BIN ICH?, GUINESS - SPIEL DER REKORDE, PENTHOUSE KNIFFEL, LUFTSCHLÖSSER; "Klee" - TWIXT - by Alex Randolph, MARNON, DER HEXENMEISTER VOM FLAMMENDEN BERG, BLINDE JUSTIZ; "Parker" - COSA NOSTRA, AMNESIA, GLÜCKSRAD JUNIOR, TEMPO, SUPERGRIPS; "Hexagames" - DRACHENLACHEN - by Reinhold Wittig, HAITHABU, SAHARA, GESPENSTER / BLACK SPY - by Alan Moon, DIGGING, RÖMER; "Mattel" - SPIRIT, LANCELOT - by Roland Siegers; "ASS" - BIG BAND, EINFALTSPINSEL, RÄUBERSPRUNG, INTERCITY, JAMES BOND 007; "MB" - SHOGUN, HERO QUEST, STAR QUEST, 20 QUESTIONS; "Frankh Kosmos" - TERRA TURRIUM - by Wolfgang Kramer, HEUCHEL & MEUCHEL; "Piatnik" - ACTIVITY, KOPF AN KOPF, ISABELLA, DIE MAGISCHE 7, GEHEIME MISSION - by Gerhard Kodys, WER HAT MEHR? by Alan Moon, RETTET DIE UMWELT, CHARLIE KAPPLE; "Jumbo" - SCHATZINSEL - by Alex Randolph, DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE, WIND UND WETTER; "Noris" - V.I.P. - WER IST'S, MÄXCHENS UMWELTQUIZ, WAS WAR 1989? DAS JAHRESQUIZ, WORT-RATESPIEL, FLIEGENDE UNTERTASSE; "Reality Games" - ADMIRAL, MOUNTAIN, DUCADO, COLORS & SAI DOV'E (from Firma Unicorn); "Herder" - TABAIJANA, LICHT UND SCHATTEN; "Hans im Glück" - GOLDRAUSCH; "Citadel" - KÖNIG ARTUS, ROBIN HOOD; MERS... FÜR [redacted] EINSTEIGER, DER HEILIGE GRAL ERSCHEINEN; "Sala" - HUSKY, PLIMUS; "Amigo" - FACE THE CLOWN, CHIP IN, BEUTEZUG, DON MARTIN'S KARTENSPIEL; "Flying Turtle" - MAX X, SINDBAD; "Welt der Spiele" - MAFIOSO, BORDERLANDS, BRITANNIA; "Kd" - JOLLY JOLLY; "SBV" - HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH, GLÜCKS-DYNASTIE. Cartoon article on ADEL VERPFLICHTET. Reviews of KARLCHEN & KNIGHT RIDER. Article on TWIDDELDUM - by Alex Randolph & "Johann Rüttinger." Article on DAS ERLEBNIS-SPIEL DEUTSCHES MUSEUM. Article on CASH (Ravensburger) - by Wolfgang Kramer & "Jürgen P.K. Grunau" - w. much on its resemblance to BAZAAR / BIERBÖRSE. Description of HUSKY (Sala) - w. mention of CONFLIX. Review of TRUMP THE GAME. Article on KÖNIG ARTUS UND DIE RITTER DER TAFELRUNDE (Citadel), w. mention of CAMELOT (?). "Aldi Markt": FLUGREISESPIEL, SCHMETTERLINGSSPIEL, EIN LUSTIGES WETTSPIEL, PIRATENSPIEL. "2 Italiener für 2" - COLORS & SAI DOV'E? (by Dal Negro). Review of JUMP THE QUEUE (Spear). "Spieleklinik" - my 2 variations on CAN'T STOP. Article on WER WARS? & DAS VERRÜCKTE LEXICON-SPIEL (Noris). "A La Carte": HÄC MÄC (MB), DIGGING (Hexagames), ZUM ERSTEN, ZUM ZWEITEN UND... ZUM DRITTEN!

(cont. on 5/19)

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To Dale & Phil F. W. Phil & Brian to flea market on monestary grounds in Ramsay. I bought the following: THE RECORD GA (The Record Game Inc.) - $2.00 - seems complete, but didn't check; took free Japanese comic book at same stand. At another stand bought the following for 50¢ each: TURNING POINT (Mattel) - dupl.; CHECK-O (Saalfield); COMMODITY WAREHOUSE GAME (All-Media Concepts Corp.); TAKE FIVE (Renwal/Gamescience) - dupl.; THE !?!@#!!*? GAME! (Entex) - (thought I had a copy, but couldn't find record of it); SUPER MASTER MIND (Invicta LINGO (E.E. Fairchild Corp.); CROSSWORD LEXICON (?) - dupl. (2 sets, w. 1 card missing). Also got a bunch of green & blue paper clips (either free or very cheap).

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-etter from Franz-Josef Herbst of "franjos-Spieleverlag." For a series of "Spiele-Antiquariat" they are interested in my CAN'T STOP, & from Agog-NETWORK & DOMINO BEAD GAME. He wrote to Walter Luc Haas who didn't answer; then got my address from Alex Randolph.

Rcd. J&S (#7 - Mai '90), Ad for TRINÔME (Jocus S.A.), Article on LIFE STYLE (Ravensburger), EXTRA DRY (Grand V), INTUITION (Nathan), PERSONALITY (Idéal Loisirs). "Fiche-Test": INTUITION (Nath DÉCOUVRONS L'EUROPE (Schmidt), TOUTANKHAMEN (Jumbo). "Pour ou Contre" on HEROQUEST (MB). "Fiche-Test" on HORREUR A ARKHAM (Jeux Descartes). "Magazin": RAILWAY RIVALS (Rosthorne); GUILLOTINE (Avril & Floréal); BATTLESYSTEM rules for AD&D (TSR); a STAR WARS (Jeux Descartes) supplement; HURLELUNE No 2 (Dragon Radieux); PARANOIA l'écran (Jeux Descartes); TRAITS ET GESTES (Habourdin); MAXICHEC (Edimax); EXCALIBOR (Framjeux); LE SIÈGE DE CARCASSONNE (Les Jeux de L'Odyssée); PERSONALITY (Ideal Loisirs); FRANCOPOLY (Itinera); MOTS DE TÊT (Habourdin); MARXMEN 12.35 (Siroz); EAGLEBEARER (Battle Honours); OCTOPUSSY (Jeux Descartes). "Magazin International" - LICHT UND SCHATTEN (Herder Spiel). "Publi Fiche" - INTELLUDE (Intelludo Sarl). Ad for HÉROÏKA (Sarl R.E.K.). "Micro Scopie": MAUPITI ISLAND (Lankhor); JANN (Spectrum Holobyte/Mirror Soft); HARPOON (PSS); ROCKSTAR (Infomedia DRAGON WARS (Interplay/Electronic Arts); INFESTATION (Psygnosis). "Dossier" on "Les petits génies." "Classiques": DAMES, BRIDGE, ÉCHECS, BACKGAMMON, SCRABBLE, TAROT, GO, OTHELLO, SARNAC, ABALONE. Complete game - TAXI-BROUSSE. Pc. on TECHNOPOLY (pg 55) Article on Grand Prix TRIVIAL PURSUIT. "Dossier" on "books on games," "Histoires de Jeux" LE RENARD ET LES POULES / ASSALTO / several other names; Board & Rules for JEU D'ASSAUT.

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV SCIENCE FICTION (7/90). Mathew Costello not there.

Rcd. large box from "West End Games" w. the following; Boxed set of TORG: ROLEPLAYING THE POSSIBILITY WARS - [redacted] Rulebook, World Book, Adventure Book, 20-sided die, 156 cards, Vol. 1 - no 1 of INFINIVERSE newsletter; THE LIVING LAND (SOURCEBOOK); THE DESTINY MA adventure; STORM KNIGHTS - a novel abt. "The Possibility Wars" (this kept w. books). Bill Slavicsek one of the creators of the series. Also an ad sheet - "What's so great about Torg?", and another sheet listing complete contents.

R.L. ANALOG (7/90), Matthew Costello not there,

Rcd. mat'l. from "West End Games": Boardgames - ~~STAR WARRIORS~~, ASSAULT ON MOTH, BATTLE FOR ENDOR, ESCAPE FROM THE DEATH STAR; Roleplaying - TORG, STAR WARS, GHOSTBUSTERS, PARANOIA; General Interest - JUNTA; Military Simulations - WESTERN FRONT TANK LEADER, IMPERIUM ROMANUM II, AIR & ARMOR, AGAINST THE REICH, AIR CAV, SOLDIERS, RAF, FIRE TEAM, DESERT STEEL. (In "West End" folders)

To Anne & Claude (& ate at Roy Rogers). While Claude napped the 3 of us played my version of Claude's TITANIC - then Claude played a few hands. Then Claude brought out his set - numbers 2 to 37. His play was until one player couldn't go - all the others scoring 5-4-3 starting w. the one to the stopped player's right. I came up w. the following rules. Each played gets 9 cards. When player can't go gets 1 penalty point for each card in hand. Others continue. If a player plays out all cards there is a bonus of +5 - none may get this, or possibly 2 or more. It worked well. (Later thinking that w. 3 players use deck of 2 to 31 and 10 cards to each player; w. 2 players use 2 to 25 and 12 cards to each player.) Started game of LOTTERY / THE WINNING TICKET but just played past one lottery. Used rule that "city" face on red die moved you to a city - but it only turned up once. Pretty much decided that allowing a move of 1 or of 2 dice w. a double made getting to cities less often, until most of empty offices are taken - probably I'll drop it.

Call from Phil Laurence earlier. He suggested, instead of LOTTERY as a theme, using proxy fights to take over cos., pretty much keeping the rules the same. We discussed it a little, but ~~he~~ I didn't see how it would fit.

Rcd. THIN ICE (Pressman) - which I am pretty sure I didn't request.

Tonight we were not using the name TITANIC - I'll refer to it as DIVIDE & CONQUER (II).

Call from Noel Jennings. Told him that BK BANG was N.G. He asked abt. LEVEL 3 - O.K. but nothing that diff.; he asked for the "Grump" address; couldn't locate it & he'll call tomorrow (see 4/26).

Letter from Bernd Brunnhofer of "Hans-Im-Gluck-Verlag." (Letter I sent on 5/7 reached him on 5/20 - !!) Doing 1835 by Francis Tresham, who invented 1829 & 1830. He'll send me GOLDRAUSCH when gets English rules from Brian Walker. Show POTA to others - but he is interested if still available.

From GAMES rcd. my manuscript for MAX-I-NIM - no message. (In "Instructims my games" file.)

Called Matthew Costello & left message on his machine.

At BB's request played CHAIN REACTION - I won 12 to 10.

Call from Matthew Costelle. Set date for him to come here on 6/12 - abt. 1P.M. We spoke abt. GAMES - they owe him abt. $2,500. He rcvd. an advance of $6,000 from "John Wiley" for the book THE WORLD'S GREATEST GAMES. They are interested in a line of books on games, etc. He will introduce me to someone abt. something from me - possibly AGOG.

Started writing rules for BACKGAMMON.

Spent time looking for THINK-A-DOT (see 5/12). No success.

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Finished writing rules for BACKGAMMON.

Call from John Williamson

Call from Mary Pietromonaco, in answer to my message of 5/18. Burt Hochberg told her abt. GAMES mag. when he asked her for review copies for another assignment. I told her abt. my connection w. GAMEN'S ALLIANCE & my hopes for "Games" to come back. Asked, & she'll definitely send me GORBACHEV & TETRIS when they are ready.

W.2 false starts got Luisa Siepi at "Pantheon". Her personal no. is ([redacted]). Said she'd check on rights for ACROSS & if any copies remain. Call from Luisa Siepi. They are shorthanded in the rights dept, but she told them it is urgent. I am entitled to 25 copies, but there are none left.

Rcd. [redacted] WHITE DWARF (#125). A massive adventure for ADVANCED HEROQUEST - THE DARK BENEATH THE WORLD. The final part of DEAD MAN'S CURVE - DARK FUTURE campaign rules.

Envelope from "Mayfair Games": THE OTHERWHERE QUEST - a solitaire supplement for DC HEROES ROLE-PLAYING GAME (2nd edition); DEADLY FUSION - for 2 without a Gamemaster; Ad sheets w. other "DC Comics" matl.; form letter from "Deborah A. Powley."

Letter to Peter Schmid - strike in German P.O. - safe to send TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN, ACROSS, DEADLY DICE, REACH ?

To new copy shop to get 2 sets of copies for the ACROSS boards. Also copies of the BACKGAMMON & NINE MEN'S MORRIS rules. Put color on one set of ACROSS boards & on BACKGAMMON rules.

Called "Fed. Ex." & arranged for pickup of rules. Picked up abt. 2 pm

Called GAMES. Spoke to "Mike Shenk" and then to Will Shartz. The "wake" will be tomorrow at the bar they had the X'mas party at - starting 5pm. Told Will I couldn't make it. He said there are some good books available, but today is the last day. Tempted, but didn't go.

Spoke to Brian F. abt. my visit to his class next wk. I'll bring DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE - which he'll keep; TAKE FIVE;

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Card from Knut-Michael Wolf w his new address: Grubesallee 1b, D-2000 Hamburg 73, ((Tel. 040/67 76 000)). Other information. (In misc. letter file.)

Letter from Anthony DeCosmo of "West End Games" - a bt. getting review copies of all their games. Would like copy of a review.

Tried calling Mel Bush again. Got his new home no. (in rolldex) but no answer, even the answering machine.

Call from Al Nofi. He & Jim Dunnigan are working on a tape (game?) on the "hundred years war" for GE". They want a game that was popular in the middle ages. Told him abt. RITHMOMACHIA, but he wanted something simpler. Settled on NINE MEN'S MORRIS / MILL. I asked & Jim is the editor of S&T again. Al thinks I might be able to do some writing for S&T; he'll have Jim send me some recent issues. Took their telephone nos. Al Nofi - ((718-434-4813)); Jim Dunnigan - ((929-5288)).

Call from Sheldon Weinberg. He called on 4/26 abt. buying a copy of BLACK BOX - and we agreed on $20. Told him I just didn't have time to look for it yet - that it would be another month at best. Took his no. again to call when I find it - ((718-336-0897)).

Thinking of changes in MAVERICK COUNTRY. Rustling - when reach a space w. an opponent, may try to rustle one or more from top of row; throw 2 dice & if one equals the number of the maverick or mavericks, it is a success; if not it is a failure, the same as the usual failure; W. a success in rustling the player moves at least one space past, in the usual manner; in order to be rustled, there must be more than 10 mavericks in the player's stalls. I eliminate the necessity of moving clockwise. Player completing his barn doesn't win, instead getting a 9 point bonus, bringing the score up to 55 w. 2 or 3 players, or 45 w. 4, 5, or 6 players. When there 10 or less mavericks left on the board, a player ends his turn by throwing the dice; if the total equals or is above the no. of mavericks plus 2 the game ends immediately.

Visit from the Laurences. Phil & I played DIVIDE & CONQUER (II) - not bad. I suggested MAVERICK COUNTRY, but Annette said she hated it - too long a wait between moves.

Call from Herb Levy. He suggested my becoming a "contributing editor" for GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; said I'd be happy to. We'll discuss the details next time we get together. I asked, and he did a little searching yesterday. He got dupls. of the following: BATTLE CRY (MB) - (I have it as AMERICAN HERITAGE GAME OF THE CIVIL WAR - see 3/10/89); PUNCHLINE (P, '78) - (I reviewed it for S&T); JURISPRUDENCE - (I have it - see 1/23/79). Told him my new ideas for MAVERICK COUNTRY - quickly.

Call from Felicia. She just spoke to Maria & Bill Riva. He asked abt. me & said he hasn't heard from me in 7 months. Told her I definitely will write to him very soon.

Realized that with the rules for rustling I did for MAVERICK COUNTRY yesterday, a player could move any distance, rustle, & then lose the cow(s), going back to his starting point. It is probably better to count the success in rustling the same as in picking up maverick(s).

Letter plugging YOU NAME IT! (This & That Enterprises). (In same envelope a letter to Jim Cerone - Tour Merchandise Universal Studios, which I discarded.) (My letter placed in '90 misc. folder.)

Call from Brian E.'s teacher, abt. the visit tomorrow.

Played

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. The co. that did his YOUR MONEY and another GAME where they sold spaces on the board had him rough up an idea for a GAME where travel cos. (I am pretty sure) buy spaces. If it seems to be selling they want someone to finish up the game; he told them I was the best. He thought that $50 an hr. was reasonable. I should hear from him in abt. a month. Told him I picked up the corrected YOUR MONEY at the "giveaway."

Rcd. #97 check from "N.Y. State" as refund for '89 taxes (a little higher than Mel Bush figured).

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA (#319). Announcement of John McCallion/Robin King marriage. Phil Cohen: Paul Greenough selling a lot of GAMES & books; rules for TRANSPORTATION CHESS; rule sketches for LAL, ONE-LIE PIGS AND BULLS, FOCUS/DOMINATION, PROGRESSIVE CHESS, OVERLOADER/RESTORER. Rules for KIWI CHECKERS by John Bosley, & a sample game.

"Fed. Ex" delivery w. rules for GO, from "Klutz."
Call from MaryEllen Podgorski. Told her I rcd. the rules, but couldn't get to them until tomorrow. She'll call Thurs.

"U.P.S." package w. POLLUTION SOLUTION; letter & card from "Rhonda Foxworth." This is by "Aristoplay."

To Dale F. & then to the school. First to Stephie's class. Showed my "TV" tape. Showed some games, including BAZAAR, which 2 or 3 of the girls said they had. To "Brian's" class. Showed "TV" tape & then started DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE, which they wanted more of when I suggested stopping it. Gave "Mrs. Forns" copies of BEYOND TIC TAC TOE & BEYOND SOLITAIRE - to make repros for the class; also repro of "Guru" article. Showed: CAN'T STOP - my model & the "hp" copy.; FOCUS set & poster from "Game of the year"; BAZAAR; ~~the~~ DIE POPPEL-REVUE issue on me. Gave DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE to Brian, & ~~he~~ he insisted on playing a little to see how it went. Gave Stephie THE KLUTZ BOOK OF JACKS; gave Dale THE KLUTZ BOOK OF MAGIC to use as a present - since I already gave one to Brian. W. Dale & BB to a temple rummage sale; bought HEXED (Gabriel) (50¢) - pretty sure this is a dupl. - some notes on further challenges w. this puzzle from "International Games of Canada Ltd."; saw copy of APBA MAJOR LEAGUE MASTER GAME - many many charts - didn't ask the price. Called Mel Bush & got him at his office. He said to get repros of all the mat'l. mailed to him - then we'll get together.

At home looking at tax mat'l. & BB found a check sent to IRS on 6/6/89 that shouldn't have been. Tried to call Mel but no answer.

Went over GO mat'l, from "Klutz". Actually Wayne Schmittberger was involved in what I was sent.

Kept trying & finally got Mel Bush at his office. Date to go there Sunday at 2 P.M.

Call from MaryEllen Podgorski. Went over my corrections on the GO rules, so don't have to send in the 2nd set. She asked if the name GRASSHOPPER was proprietary; checked in PLAYTHINGS directory & found it by a plastic co.; to be on the safe side they will use HOPPER. She will be sending my almost complete rules for all the games. She'll call Tues.

Call from Felicia, to ask how my "lectures" at the school went. Promised her I will write to Bill Riva.

From "Caldor" rd. folder clipped ad for TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLE PIZZA POWER (Co.-?).

Call from Leigh Ardrey. He called GAMES & was ~~told the phone~~ was disconnected. Told him the story. He was sorry he missed me at ~~the~~ STATIONERY SHOW; he made a few connections, but it ~~was~~ was pretty dead. He suggested taking me to lunch next time he is in NYC. & I invited him here. He'll call next time he is coming. He'll show me a new game he tentatively calls TAKE 5; told him abt. my TAKE FIVE; his is completely diff.

Letter to Bill Riva: ESSENER SPIELTAGE, CHAIN REACTION; FOCUS, TAKE-A-WORD, DOMINO BEAD GAME, CORNER - his new ideas; TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN; TRICOLOR (Peli Toukomies), STACK (BB Games).

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W. BB to Tag Sale at "Humane Soc." in Harrison. Bought PRO TENNIS (Gamesman Inc.) & JET WORLD (MB) - dupl. ($1.00 each).

Got idea for "Experience" cards in MAVERICK COUNTRY & Trader set. Each time you fail & have to go back you get a card. One card will raise a dice throw by one pt. (Not sure this was today.)

Rcd. FLYING BUFFALO QUARTERLY #63. "Final Ballot for the ORIGIN Awards 1989." Article on how to do well in STARWEB. Ads for POSTWAR, a PBM game; for PAPER MAYHEM, a PBM mag.

Rcd. "Fed Ex" package from MaryEllen Podgorski w. "final" rules for the following: HOPPERS, NINE MEN MORRIS, HASAMI SHOGI (and looked at a number of books and also GEP & J#S to find the version I used - more or less), FANDANGO (FANORONA), HEX, CATS AND DOGS (BLUE AND GRAY), 3D TIC TAC TOE, SOLITAIRE, BRA[illegible] ROUNDABOUTS (SURAKARTA), DALMATION PIRATES AND THE VOLGA BOATMEN (ASALTO). Letter saying she'll call to go over my comments.

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS (June '90) & clipped the following: Calendar; ad by "Lin" showing boxes for video games - "Nintendo" that is- PICTIONARY, THE UNCANNY X-MEN, THE PUNISHER, & others; Editorial on "Big gains seen for European toy, game market by 1994"; Pc. on "Cardinal" doing THE SIMPSONS MYSTERY OF LIFE; Ad by "F.X. Schmid/USA" for jigsaw puzzles; Pc. on JINSAU by "Methods and Devices"- card*; Pc. on "International Games" w. THINK FAST & MICRO MACHINES RACING BOARD GAME; Pc. on ROAD GAMES (Road Gamers Unlimited); Pc. on MIND TO MIND (New Age Books & Games)- by Uri Geller; Pc. on GAME GENIE (Galoob) - a "video game enhancer"; Pc. on COUNTRY CLUB GOLF (Future Games) - card*; Article on "Acclaim" acquiring "Lin". Ad by "Fun and Smart card games" for USA TRIP 50, WORLD 7, and book- 50 WAYS TO PLAY TRIP 50 and WORLD 7 classified ad for a GAME w. spaces on board to be sold. (Holding off w. sending "card" until I talk to Herb Levy.)

Letter from Christian Beiersdorf of "F.X. Schmid." The postal strike in Germany is over.
Invoice from "Mattel" that 7 games have been sent (see tomorrow).

Rcd. box of games from "Matte]" Germany: ZUG NACH WESTEN (ROCK ISLAND); [illegible] KREUZFAHRT (WAYWARD CRUISE); FLUCHT AUS MANGROVIA (ESCAPE FROM MANGROVIA); SKYLINE; CAFE INTERNATIONAL; RIOMBO; CASA GRANDE. (Moved the English rules that I rcd. on 10/4/89, for these 7 games to the box.) Catalog in one of the games, which I left in the carton. As well as the above: IN DER FALLE, TILL EULENSPIEGEL, NACHBAR'S GARTEN, HAST DU WORTE, NEADER ZOFF, SUPPENKASPER, MISSISSIPPI, CATHEDRAL, VOTUM, GREYHOUNDS; CALVA-D-OS, IN"SEKT-SURPRISE, CHICKEN-PICKEN, HAM-N-EX, PATRON-OW, EX-PRESSO; (actually of the 7, only CASSA GRANDE & ZUG NACH WESTEN in catalog). Looking at SKYLINE by Boland Siegers, and it looks interesting.

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Aug, '90) – nothing.

SECOND PAYMENT OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX DUE.

Rcd. "Small Packet" from David Watts w. SPRINGLINE (Sprungle) - a dupl. No message.

$8 #

Driving day W/ Annette L. & her friend Sue to a block sale in New Rochelle & a church in Scarsdale. Only purchase, a book to give to Claude (20¢).

Visit to the Laurences. Played MAVERICK COUNTRY and Annette really got into it - although she later complained that it took too long between her turns. Everybody liked the "Experience" cards. Phil suggested that there should be a penalty for missing when you are rustling.

17 SUNDAY • JUNE 1990

SACRED HEART • BUNKER HILL DAY (BOSTON) • 168TH DAY • 197 DA

Rcd. ANALOG (Aug. '90) - nothing.

Rcd. '90 catalog from "Talicor." New - THE I LOVE LUCY GAME, SMASH HIT!, THE DICTIONARY GAME; also - ANTI-MONOPOLY, STAK ATTACK, THE UNGAME (5-pocket versions included), CHARGE IT!, ANTSY & DO WHAT IS RIGHT (for children).

Rcd. 2 ad sheets from "West End Games" - upcoming mat'l. on TORG, PARANOIA, & STAR WARS.

Call from David Galt. Read him my S&T review of SOLO BALL, which included an address which possibly might still be the home of the publisher. He is going to ORIGINS in Atlanta. An oriental man was going, but couldn't make it, so he is giving Dave his reservations and a fee. The man is publishing a gambling game using HANAFUDA cards; it is called GO/STOP (I suggested the slash). Dave will get a set to send me.

Visit from Matthew Costello. Went over the collection and talked a lot. He has the "Guru" article and ANALOG. Gave him copies of BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, BEYOND SOLITAIRE, BEYOND COMPETITION & PENGUIN COLOURGRAMS 3 (BEYOND WORDS). Loaned him a copy of DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE (19. Oktober 1989) - primarily for the listing of my published games. He spoke abt. using several of ~~the games~~ my GAMES from GAMES mag.; when I showed him CHAIN REACTION he said he'd like to use it; nothing final yet. In connection w. the possibility of "Wiley" doing some of my books, he'll call me w. address & tel. no. for his editor, Steve Ross. He'll write to Ross, and suggested that I write in a few days, rather than calling. He said that he was planning to give away many of the GAMES he has accumulated; I asked, and of course I can choose some of them; he'll arrange for me to come there.

Call from M. Costello w. address for:

Steve Ross
John Wiley & Sons, Inc
605 3rd Ave.
New York, NY 10158-0012
(212-850-6771)

BB spoke to Dale F. Brian's class liked the letter I gave Brian yesterday. They played METROPOLIS but just counted bldgs. to see who won, after thinking of a simplified scoring in METROPOLIS. Score 1 pt. for each lot your bldg. covers.

BB came across an article on me in THE EVENING STAR of 12/1/65. Undoubtedly a dupl. Put it in '65 tour folder.

Call from Matthew Costello he asked & I gave him address for Wayne Schmittberger in connection w. Matt's book - THE GREATEST GAMES OF ALL ~~TIME~~ TIME; as was the visit of course.

WEDNES

JUNE 1990 • [illegible] DAY 20

171ST DAY • 194 DAYS TO COME

Letter to Christian Beiersdorf: Sent TREASURES ~~OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN~~, ACROSS, DEADLY DICE, REACH; VENTURE, Jackson Doll; ADEL VERPFLICHTET.

21 THURSDAY • JUNE 1990

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER • 172ND DAY • 193 DAYS TO COME

Letter to Steve Ross: Matthew Costello, THE GREATEST GAMES OF ALL TIME; my collection, my books - BEYOND TIC TAC TOE to CALCULATE!; A GAMUT OF GAMES, Martin Gardner, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN.

Started letter to Roland Siegers.

FRI

JUNE 1990 • ~~WEDNES~~DAY 22

173RD DAY • 192 DAYS TO COME

Made 5 copies of article on CASH in FAIRPLAY mag. ~~(25¢)~~.

Got 800 no. for AMERICAN STATIONERY ((800-822-2577)). Called & they'll send me a catalog.

Rcd. package w. return of → TREASURE HUNT. Nice letter from Roland Siegers. German translation of the rules was included — which I placed in "Mattel" folder. (Discarded letter to Roland Siegers I started yesterday.)

Call from Harold Donner, in NYC, w his wife for a wedding. He'll call me morrow to set up a date Mon.

To the Corns. Gave Ronnie the dupl. of DELTA (I.Q. Co.) from 5/24. He also picked out one of the computer games from GAMES. To a rummage sale at a church/convent. As part of a $1.00 (but we gave $1.50) box got the following: STRATA 5 (MB)-dupl.; large bx of LITE-BRITE pegs; 3 decks of cards; small plastic box. Saw CONSPIRACY (MB), but didn't get it; Ronnie confirmed that I must have it; it IS THE SIGMA FILE. The 4 of us played MAVERICK COUNTRY & it came out quite close, 88 winning; they liked my changes. Ronnie showed me SIM CITY (Maxis)- a computer game where you make decisions on traffic, crime, and other city problems; your score is kept in a $ flow (which I didn't quite understand); the screen was very "busy" and I didn't care for it at all. He also showed me a little of computer RISK (by whom?); didn't care for it, but didn't go very far; things happened so fast that I had trouble following it. The 4 of us played SKYLINE (Mattel) and it wasn't bad, once we got into it; there was a problem of knowing over the pcs. Played a little of PE-LING w. the doctored regular cards; Audrey had problems at first, but later said that she got it; the ★s in the center were confusing. Looked at WALL STREET TRADER (P.O. Box 926, Waterbury 13601 - © 1988 J. Bobreski) which Ronnie bought recently; large sheets of records involved & a calculator is suggested; didn't actually read the rules which are on inside of cover; Ronnie said it wasn't great. Next date on 7/28. Audrey gave me clipping from TIME of 5/20 - mention of THE AMERICAN DREAM GAME - by "Nicholas Giammona.

Edith Slotkin sent me clipping from MIAMI HERALD abt. a game which might be published - THE BRAIN GAME.

SUN

JUNE 1990 • SUNDAY 24

ST. JOHN, BAPTIST • 175TH DAY • 190 DAYS TO COME

Call from Harold Donner. They'll come for lunch tomorrow.

Diane & Harold Donner here for lunch. Spoke a lot abt. games in general, but nothing specific.

Call from Felicia. She got a letter from Bill Riva that was almost identical w. the previous letter from him. Decided there was nothing we can do abt. it.

In talk w. Harold Donner he did mention our playing a multi-player version of LOTTO WAR.

For my substitute PE-LING deck I changed all the ♣ into ♦. Thinking of calling the "symbols" as follows: Red Straights, Black Straights, Red Curves, Black Curves.

Call from someone at "I'm Game", who are putting out a fortune telling game using a pendulum. They remember a "Kreskin" item using a pendulum - but are not sure abt. it. Told him to call me tomorrow morning. In '67 diary found info on [redacted] KRESKIN'S ESP (MB). (He didn't call tomorrow.)

Letter to Roland Siegers: →→TREASURE HUNT; MAVERICK COUNTRY; SKYLINE for 2.

Call from Steve Ross

To Steve Ross. Spoke abt. AGOG mainly, at a restaurant (French). Then back to his office. Gave him pantheon AGOG (and told him that it is the one book I might like to get back), BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, BEYOND SOLITAIRE, BEYOND WORDS, CALCULATE!. Also gave him the "Guru" repro from GAMES. He ran repro of the article on PATTERNS (II) from 11/69 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN; also the AGOG review in SATURDAY REVIEW of 11/29/69.

Started letter to Anthony DeCosmo. (See 6/2)

Letter from Matthew Costello. Suggested his using 3 from the following of my games: THE GREAT RACES (GAMES - 1·2/78), LAST DITCH (5·6/80), ODD & EVEN (10/82), LOOP THE LOOPS (11/82), BREAKAWAY (7/83), BURIED TREASURE (from BEYOND SOLITAIRE); SPRINGER (BEYOND TIC TAC TOE). He wrote to Steve Ross abt. me, and especially AGOG.

Rcd. letter from "Periodica" abt. renewing subscription to J&S - $64.45. Wrote to check that this is Canadian money. Called P.O. & price to Canada is 30¢.

From TIME mag. of 6/28 clipped article on "Nintendo" contributing $3,000,000 to "MIT" to study educational uses for their system. Mention of SUPER MARIO BROTHERS.

called Michael Gray. (He has a new baby son). TETRIS should be available now; it is mainly a question of grabbing cardboard pcs. When the oil to Lithuania was cut off, MD stopped GORBECHEV. I told him that I really liked TRUMP: THE GAME; they have dropped it already; he did quite a bit of work on it. They are glad, the lower echelon's anyway, that Larry Bernstein went to "P."; "P." keeps taking things from Charlie Parker. Told him abt. MAVERICK COUNTRY; he asked if I knew "Hexagames" ABILINE - yes, but had him refresh my memory; the theme has some resemblance but the play is completely different; he is sure that "wild west" would not be topical enough for "MB"; also the '91 line is finished & they won't start on '92 until the fall. I asked if there was anything I was supposed to send him; not that he can remember. He is trying to get a copy of PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD; told him I had some extras, but he said he is ordering it thru a book store; if he has problems I'll send him a copy.

letter from Dan Glimne. Still wants "dates" for his "91 calendar." He & his wife have formed a game co. "GERRR." Included ad mat'l. on 1st 3 games: ÄRETS SPEL, PERSONALITY, STOPPA PRESSARNA!. Also on a book EN LITEN BOK OM SPEL, where I am mentioned. In the letter talks abt. interviewing me.

1 SUN
FRIDAY • JULY 1990

DOMINION DAY (CANADA) • 182ND DAY • 183 DAYS TO COME

Call from Jeff Conrad. They are returning PE-LING. ~~It was down to~~ the last 3; it was popular w. the over 40's; but the sub-teens didn't care for it. In talking I asked how BAHA was doing - quite well, altho sales of cards are going down. I said that my BANANA BLITZ was really good; Jeff suggested that I send him the rules; told him I'd also send a doctored regular deck; in a few wks. is fine. I asked abt. a financial card GAME; no, they only use themes for licensed games.

Rec. letter from Jürgen Geibel of "Ravensburger." The METROPOLIS deal didn't work out.

Letter from Mel Bush. State sales tax not req'd., nor 5500 form for "Keough." Enclosed clipping from AMERICAN HEALTH (July/Aug. '90) on "Kinder, gentler toys" - mainly eos. dicussed, but SNAIL'S PACE RACE (HearthSong) & GIVE PEACE A CHANCE (Co-op America) are specified.

Rec. (A.H.) GENERAL (Vol. 26, No. 2). Ad for RUNEQUEST; for MARCH MADNESS. Articles on TURNING POINT: STALINGRAD; ad for an "Expansion Kit." Ad for LEGENDS OF THE LOST REALM (Microcamputer games division). Article on PANZERBLITZ. ASL scenario "G10"; "O." "Computer Corner" w. Strategies for COMBOTS; & an ad for it. Article on ASL. Ad for RED BARRICADES, an ASL module. SQUAD LEADER Clinic. Article on THIRD REICH; on HITLER'S WAR. Ad for: MOSBY'S RAIDERS, BULL RUN, CIVIL WAR, DEVIL'S DEN, GETTYSBURG (125TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION), LEE VS. GRANT. Article on STATIS-PRO BASEBALL; on UP FRONT. "Coming Attractions"; NEW WORLD - w. mentions of CONQUISTADOR & RISK; SHOWBIZ - a cross btw. MASTERMIND & ACQUIRE. "Playtesters Wanted" for SEAHAWKS & SUB HUNT. Article on RUSSIAN FRONT, Ad for KREMLIN.

Call from Walter Luc Haas, to see how I was. Told him our problems as quickly as possible. Promised again, to send him DAS ERBE DES MALONEY, and told him abt. ~~STRANGE~~ CHAIN REACTION which I'll also send. Asked, and the only games he is playing are computer games. I mentioned seeing SIM CITY & TETRIS & not liking them; neither does he. He likes "adventures."

Rec'd. "Fed Exp." package from "Klutz" w. rules for Go, CHECKERS, MANCALA & BACKGAMMON.

Called AMERICAN STATIONERY (see 6/22). Lady I spoke to said that she'd send a catalog right out.

Message from Ed Porcheddu ((1-800-765-4263)). An agent offered to try & place WRDZ in Australia. She wants 20% fee & he wondered if that was exorbitant. Called & left message that it was very reasonable, and that he could call if he wanted to talk abt. it further.

5 THURSDAY • JULY 1990

186TH DAY • 179 DAYS TO COME

From AGCA rcd. the following; form letter from Bill Alexander; GAME RESEARCHERS' NOTES (#7); THE GAME CATALOG (Pgs. 93 to 117); "Membership Directory 1990". (Didn't enter any specific info.)

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#126). Nothing of particular interest to me.

Rcd. envelope from Wolfgang Kramer. Rules for his new game TROJA; letter asking if it is too much like ACQUIRE.

Called Claude and made date for 7/13. (Spoke abt. restaurant to go to; they offered to treat; but agreed on "Roy Rogers.") Raymond S. came in w. a check for $600 from Michael Duby, as an advance on LOA & NEXT.

Call from Steve Ross; meetings all day yesterday. Told him that 4,623 paperback AGOG were sold, and that 5,000 for the hardcover was an educated guess. Spoke abt. the "Review Section"; I suggested my working there in calling the game cos. as I did w. "Pantheon"; too crowded but perhaps I can bill them for calls I make from here - to be discussed. He asked if I rcd. the rights back yet; no - and I'll call Luisa Siepi Mon. - he asked me to ask her if I could get the plates. I asked abt. BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, etc.; AGOG is move what they have in mind for now.

Letter to Franz-Josef Herbst of "franjos-Spielverlag," No on CAN'T STOP; yes on NETWORK & DOMINO BEAD GAME - permission from "Hugendubel because of SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE. Other of my games; catalog of theirs.

Called Matthew Costello & he called me back. Spoke abt. my games (see 6/29); agreed on THE GREAT RACES, ODD OR EVEN, & LOOP THE LOOPS - subject to change if we wish. Told him abt. my meeting & talks w. Steve Ross. Matthew knows of another publisher (Paragon I believe he said) who might be interested in AGOG. He suggested that a book containing the rules for BEYOND TIC TAC TOE and 2 or 3 of the other books could be combined into one book, w. sheets for each game to be reprod by the buyers. I'm to write to Matthew giving him permission to use the 3 games.

Letter and forms from "Dollar" on withdrawals from "Keough."

After talk w. BB called Claude & Anne. (Changed resaurant for our meeting on 7/13.)

Filled out PLAYTHINGS card (see 6/13) for COUNTRY CLUB GOLF & JINSAU. Put down "Contributing Editor" GAMER'S ALLIANCE REPORT.

Visit from Robin & John McCallion. They mentioned playing a game called ALPHABID and not liking it particularly; John said it was 1982 (later found that I got a copy in '83. At Robin's request played MONAD (they have THE FIRST MILLION / DIE 1. MILLION - did I give it to them? - but find some things in the rules that aren't clear); BB won. At John's request played BANTU (P); had good ideas but tended to bog down; one idea that I had that might help is to give the player another turn each time a capture is made. BB won. (When I knocked over wine on John's pants we found that 2 pairs of mine that were too small fit him. We insisted that he take them.) John wants to give me the copy of DUTCH BLITZ they bought in PA and I said "no." He mentioned a book he has 100 OTHER GAMES TO PLAY ON A CHESSBOARD by "Steven Addison"; I asked, and he'll bring it to Bob Abbott's next wk. So that I can borrow it. In connection w. BB's belief that Bob never wants to play my games, they said that last time they went there they played ACAUIRE all day; I asked, & they used 9 tiles, which Robin was not sure if she liked or not.

In talk w. Matthew Costello he asked if I had Will Shorts' tel. no.; checked & I didn't. He'll get it from Burt Hochberg. I asked, and Burt has a few writing assignments but no steady work yet. We also spoke a little abt. Scott Marley; neither of us know what he is doing.

Call from John McCallion – thanks for yesterday. As well ~~as the book~~ he will bring DUTCH BLITZ ~~[illegible]~~ to Bob Abbott's Sat. – and he wants me to keep it – we'll argue. When they played ACQUIRE last time Bob said he had a foolproof way to win; he came in last.

After argument w. BB) looked at basement together and planned to clear the NW corner. When completed can probably put in 9 piles of the larger (12"x24") boxes. Later put together 12 boxes for the table in basement; filled 4 w. mat'l. from table; made other arrangements for other mat'l., and have 8 boxes available.

Called Luisa Siepi to ask again for AGOG rights return. Out sick today but will be in tomorrow.
Called Mary Pietromonaco @ "Rowland." She expects TETRIS soon & will send me one when they come. She asked if there is anything else that I want - told her that I'd love MALL MADNESS for my granddaughter - she said she'd try, and I said not to go to any trouble. She heard that GORBECHEV was cancelled.
Called Tom Shaw. In a meeting; asked to have him call me back.

Called Bob Abbott. Asked if there was anything I was supposed to bring him; couldn't think of anything. Asked if I could bring a game to play; nothing that I am testing that will take a long time. Actually they will probably want to play ACQUIRE w. 3 tiles. Bob Wittrock has a variation of SLEUTH where 2 extra cards are added (?) but Bob A. doesn't think he'll have it ready for Sat. Michael Keller & Phil Cohen will be there.
Call from Bob Abbott. Asked me to bring a copy of SLEUTH, to play Bob Wittrock's variation. He'd like me to leave it; told him I'd have to check whether I could spare one. He asked, and they are still on sale.
In my original call to Bob Abbott spoke abt. his book of mazes. It is being done by [redacted] "Bob Adams, Inc." He asked how I made out w. them; told him I spoke to Victor Gulotta and then got books & a catalog from him, but no further message (I am pretty sure - see 7/12/89). DISCOVER mag. is doing another of his mazes; they have a subscription of over a million, which is probably higher than SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN's; I asked abt. OMNI - he says it is "way out." Told him that AGOG may be re-published; he asked by whom & I said that I was requested not to divulge this; (I'll have to check w. Matthew Costello.)

Ira Bailen dropped in; Sylvia was at a "Discovery Toy" meeting in the Bronx. He thinks that BAZAAR is selling well.

(Cont. from 7/10) [7/11]

to Don Willson; he said that altho he was working for Don the idea was his - and I have done enough favors for him - and if the name BANANA BLITZ isn't used there is really nothing he contributed.
Realized that I gave Rollie Martin's first address rather than the present condo. Called late in evening & left a message.
(But for BANANA BLITZ matter see 3/21/88.)

Early call from Tom Shaw. Asked, and they haven't heard from "FX Schmid" abt. VENTURE, [redacted] Bob Zimmerli is working on trying to package it for gift shops. They are quite satisfied w. BALI's sales. Told him abt. GAMES mag., which he hadn't heard. Told him I'll do reviews for GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; he tried to "rent" the subscription list from "Herb Levy but was turned down; told him that it was abt. 1000, but some are stores. I asked, and he'll send me review copies: SHOWBIZ - in Aug., NEW WORLD in Sept.; he told me abt. WRASSLIN' which will come this month - a card game.

In talk w. Annette L. last night, Annette [redacted] suggested to BB that I contact mags. such as FAMILY CIRCLE, NEW YORK, etc. abt. doing monthly game reviews or occasional summeries. Told BB I'd think abt. it. (Later realized that the mags. would insist on electronic games being included.) Annette said that she thinks that PE-LING is a great game - disappointed that "International Games" rejected it.

Called Luisa Siepi in the morning & left message w. someone. Called again in P.M. & got Luisa. She was waiting for word on my AGOG release; I asked, and she'll call when she hears. I also asked abt. get the plates; she'll check on that too.

Spent a lot of time looking for CHESSERS (see 5/7 & 1/5/71), but couldn't locate it.

(Cont. from 7/11) [7/11]

Called "Games Gang" - tried others who weren't there and finally spoke to Bill Stoller. Asked if there was anything particular I should tell Sedgwick; nothing special. Mentioned GAMES discontinuing & that I'll be doing reviews for GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT. He said I am still on their list for getting review copies. I asked abt. TEMPTATION - it's not ready yet. They are just sending me THE GAME OF SNIGLETS. They have taken on THE IN GAME - told him I thought I had a copy (later looked a little but couldn't locate it; or find a record of having rec'd. it). He also mentioned a game ELIM FLAM that they may be doing.

Call from Rollie Tesh. Thru something he read he got an article on someone who "discovered" that "pi" is actually $\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}$; he wants to contact Martin Gardner; gave Martin's address, but not his tel. no. I mentioned having a game rejected by "International Games." They have one very close w/ - "International - BULL'S-EYE, using darts. They are also close w. BODY PARTY by David Smith (TRAX); it is the same as PIT, w. the 6 cards representing legs, arms, torso & head; you shake the one you want to trade. I mentioned SCRATCHEES and he said he'll send me a complete set; also a copy of a new one for "Decipher" - HOW TO HOST A SCAVENGER HUNT. He said that "Decipher" is having financial problems, but he thinks it will be O.K. He suggested that I try my game (PE-LING) w. "A.H."; they are close to taking BRIDGETTE; & "Mayfair" is also interested in it. I mentioned that BANANA BLITZ is being considered in Germany, and that if it goes thru I'll give 10%

(Cont. on 7/9)

Rcd. SPIELBOX (Heft 3, Juni/Juli '90). Cover picture from DRACHENHORT (Schmidt-Spiele). Ad for 20 QUESTIONS (MB Spiele). Nominees for "Game of the yr. '90": ADEL VERPFLICHTET (FX. Schmid); BIG BAND (ASS); DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE (Jumbo); DIE HEISSE SCHLACHT AM KALTEN BUFFET (Ravensburger) - by Alex Randolph; DINO (Hexagames) - by Reinhold Wittig; FAVORITEN (W. Müller Spiele); HEUCHEL U. MEUCHEL (Franckh Kosmos) by Rudi Hoffman; LANCELOT (Mattel) - by Roland Siegers; TABALUGA (Herder) - by Wolfgang Kramer. Pc. on Dan Glimne needs help. Pc. on Karin und Reinhold Wittig, w. mention of Alex Randolph & others. "Die Top Eleven der Spielbox": ACQUIRE - HOTELKÖNIG - HOTELHAIE (3M/Schmidt); BARBAROSSA (ASS); CIVILIZATION (AH); CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL (Mattel); DAMPFROSS (Schmidt); FORUM ROMANUM (Franckh); HASE UND IGEL (OMV); KARRIERE-POKER (Hexagames); SCOTLAND YARD (OMV); TARGUI (Jumbo); DAS VERRÜCKTE LABYRINTH (OMV). Ad for "Ravensburger's" DAS GLASTROPFEN SPIEL. Article on 2 swiss game inventors - Stefanie Rohner & Christian Wolf: S-BAHN-SPIEL, ORIENT-EXPRESS (Herder, I believe), MOMO, DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE (Jumbo), SCHOKO-HEXE & CASANOVA; mention of Alex Randolph. "Test": BLINDE JUSTIZ (Klee-Spiele); HUSKY (Sala); COSA NOSTRA (Parker); WIND UND WETTER (Jumbo); TABALUGA (Jumbo) - by Wolfgang Kramer; FLUX (Laurin/Wotan Games); SAHARA (Hexagames). Ads: "Sala" - MONEY & PLIMUS; "Jumbo" - SCHATZINSEL; "Schmidt Spiele" - DAS SCHWARZE AUGE. Description of MAX. X (Flying TurtleHB). More mat'l. on CHARISMA RPG. Ad by "F.X. Schmid" for DENK MAL NO. 3. "Spiel im Heft" - HALLO, TAXI!. Article on "Krieg im Spiel/Spiel im Krieg"; TURNIER [by Gerhard Kodys] (Parker); A GLEAM OF BAYONETS (SPI); CITADEL (Jumbo); EAST & WEST (IT); ROMMEL (IT). "Der Computer spielt mit...": POPULOUS (Electronic Arts), SIM CITY (Infogrames) IT CAME FROM THE DESERT (Cinemaware), LEISURE SUIT LARRY III (Sierra On-Line), TETRIS (Mirrorsoft), PIPE MANIA (Empire), OMEGA (Origin), STARFLIGHT / STARFLIGHT II (Electronic Arts), THEIR FINEST HOUR - THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN (LucasFilm Games), ROCK 'N ROLL (Rainbow Arts), DRAGON'S BREATH (Palace), DRAGON FLIGHT (Thalion), STOS - THE GAME CREATOR (Mandarin). Article on FRIDERICUS REX; on BONKERS (MB); on "Hexagames," RÖMER, DIGGING, GESPENSTER - by Alan Moon. "besser spielen" - ACQUIRE/HOTELKÖNIG/HOTELHAIE - by Alan Moon. "Spielwise" - KOMPLEX, CO-CO-GAM, QUASPI, GEOMIX, WÜF. Article on CARROM, "Spielebücher" - KAFFEESATZ UND KARTENLEGEN & NEUE TAKTIKSPIELE MIT WÜRFELN UND KARTEN - both by "Hugendubel". Article on dice odds, by Wolfgang Kramer. Offer of copy of COSA NOSTRA for subscribing. Ad for HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH (SBV).

Rcd. form letter from Herb Siegel w. info on AGCA convention.

Call from John Sedgwick. He is writing an article for WIGWAG mag. featuring the "Games Gang." They suggested talking to me as the most knowledgable one to speak to on games. Made date for him to come tomorrow morning abt. 10.

(Cont. on 7/12)

THURS

JULY 1990 • [redacted] DAY 12

ORANGEMEN'S DAY • 193RD DAY • 172 DAYS TO COME

Visit from John Sedgwick

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Rec. ANALOG (9/90) - nothing.

To Bob Abbott's. Showed CHAIN REACTION to Bob & Anne & they played a game. A fellow "Mark" came in, then Bob Wittrock, Phil Cohen, Michael Keller, Robin & John McCallion. Wittrock had a [redacted] SLEUTH variation which he played w. the Abbotts while I watched a little of it; each player is dealt 12 jewel cards; then each player shows one card to the player on his left - and each player counts this card as the 13th card in their hand; playing "super" the onject is to be the first to determine the card that the other 2 shared; when 4 play each is allowed to "peak" at the card the one to his [redacted] right shares; Bob also sometime adds one or 2 cards from another deck; but there can be the problem of a player getting the dupl. cards. Played CHAIN REACTION w. Robin & w. Michael. Other games played: BLACKBOX - [redacted] I played w. Robin & Michael helping her; KING HAMLET (Gamevenings '78/'80) - I didn't play; also didn't play ACQUIRE, or TETRIS which John got hooked on. Looked at TIMELINE (Geo Games '85) - which Bob Abbott said just didn't work - (I have complete info on it); looked at ILLUMINATION (Random House) - a figure w. 4-Δ faces and blinking colored lights at each of the 4 corners - diff. goals to reach w. the lights. Robin & John got a copy of CHESS PLUS as a wedding gift from David Pritchard. Bob A. told me he is thinking of paying "Marino" to do his game CONFUSION. Bob A. dug up the copies of GAMES INTERNATIONAL and I looked at them quickly: #13 - SPY; #14 - COMBINATION & a review of CASH, mentioning BAZAAR; #15 - THE GREAT RACES; #16 - announcement that since there are so few non-electronic games available, the mag. will change to concentrate on electronic. John loaned me [redacted] DUTCH BLITZ (Dutch Blitz Games Co.) & 100 OTHER GAMES TO PLAY ON A CHESSBOARD by Stephen Addison, (John was wearing last wks yellow pants.) Bob W. had a sheet he worked out for SLEUTH, where into on every possible single or double [redacted] could be recorded - took 2 of them.

BD got call from Claude. After reading article in TIME abt. libraries moving into other areas than books he suggested con-tacting 42nd St. library abt. a museum w. my games. I'm to call him.

BD got call from Rollie Tesh abt. AGCA convention; he'll call again to tell me abt. it. Another call - he saw me listed as a member so he knows I know abt. it.

To the Laurences. Played CHAIN REACTION - first Jill against Phil & then Jill against me; she won both. Played TAKE-OVER, the 3-hand; Jill won by "debts"; played O.K. except that there were [redacted] too many wild throws. Played 5-hand PE-LING; it was wild, but it played; Jill won w. 58 - I had 56 and could have won if I played differently - even tho Jill had a big lead most of the way. (Later thinking of retthrowing a "D" rather than having it wild, and still later found that I already had that idea.

Called Claude to talk abt. his call yesterday. Just going for a nap and to call me later. Didn't.

Looked at 100 OTHER GAMES TO PLAY ON A CHESSBOARD. Among many others noticed the following: CHESKERS by Solomon Golomb; CHAKRA by Christiaan Freeling; CONNECTION (NETWORK) by S.S.; SQUARE by Martin Gardner; ACTION LINES (LINES OF ACTION) by Claude Soucie; DIGITAL DRAUGHTS by S.S.; ADVICE by A. Elithorn; COUNTERSUM by Stephen Addison; STACK (FOCUS) by S.S.; QUIN by Solomon Golomb; LANRICK by Lewis Carroll; TAKEOVER by Stephen Addison; ACROSS (CROSSINGS) by Bob Abbott; TURNAROUND CHESS by A. Randolph.

Rcd. "UPS" package w. THE IN GAME (Meant to Be Ltd.) ~~(Not sure~~ if this a dupl. or not) & CUE ME! (The Games Gang, Ltd.) - by Frank Thibault; label from "Chrissy" - left in latter box. Called "Chrissy" to ask abt. THE GAME OF SNIGLETS - she'll send it right out; I asked abt. FLIM FLAM & she'll send it when it is ready, I asked, & she did contact John Sedgwick O.K. on 7/12.

Started letter to Klaus-Dieter Kilz of "franckh kosmos"

Finished letter to Klaus-Dieter Kilz: TRADE WINDS; described →→TREASURE HUNT, BUYWORD, and mentioned others; thanks for package.
Looked at JANUS, ARBORA / WALDLEBEN, FORUM ROMANUM, & RONDA MAGICA - & they are not very "sophisticated."

Letter to Matthew Costello, w. permission to use THE GREAT RACES, ODD & EVEN, & LOOP THE LOOPS. I prefer ODD OR EVEN, and gave the variation.

Rcd. July PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following: Calendar; ad for & pc. on KING O' KINGS (Belcom Corp.) - card*; Pc. on George Ditomas of "MB" tabbed as "TMA chairman of the board"; Pc. on "NEC/TCOM" doing SHERLOCK HOLMES, CONSULTING DETECTIVE & CAMP CALIFORNIA; Pc. on "Sega/Electronic Arts" doing ABRAMS BATTLE TANK & 688 ATTACK SUB; Pcs. on ORBIS (Bilou Inc.), HOLLYWOOD PLAYBACK (Wild Oats Inc.), FANTASY FORTUNES & SOAP OPERA CHALLENGE II (U.S. Playing Card Co., TABLETOP FOOTBALL ([redacted] Tabletop Games Inc.) - card*, & TURNING THE TABLES (Turning the Tables Inc.) - card*; Ad for "Amuse Inc." for MAXX (CARDS), WIZ-BLOX, DEZINE BLOX, FAXX; Ad for SAKI/SÖCKI (Cabin Fever Games); Ad for BLOCKHEAD! (Pressman). Full page ad for CROWN STAKES (MOM) - didn't keep.

Package from "Games Gang" w. THE GAME OF SNIGLETS. Form letter on it from Bill Stoller. Catalog (probably a dupl.).

Letter from Roland Siegevs : send MAVERICK COUNTRY ; SKYLINE for 2,

Letter to Wolfgang Kramer: TROJA not swiped from ACQUIRE; enclosed repro of FAIRPLAY article on CASH-BAZAAR and asked for CASH rules.

Message from Terry Christiano ((877-6285)) who is a counselor at "Chase." She was told abt. me by Phil Friedman. Called Terry Christiano. She has ideas for a GAME that puts across the counseling she gives. She sees it as role-playing plus a board, or a VCR tape. Spoke abt. it in very general terms. She'd like me to work w. her as a partner. She is having a test of the role-playing aspect tomorrow at 10 A.M. at Chase; told her I can't make it. There will probably be another on 7/26, w. lunch. She'll call me when it is definite.

Rcd. return of rights for AGOG back from "Pantheon." Called Steve Ross. Told sect. that I'd like to know if he wants me to continue on return of the "plates." Didn't call back.

Called Herb Levy, primarily to ask if I had given him a game on 6/29; no, but I brought him MAFIOSO on 6/1; he has some things to show me as a trade for it.

Rec. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Sept.) – nothing.

Letter to Joe Nikisch: my letter of 4/30 (see 5/2); IT'S A DEAL, BANANA BLITZ, BAZAAR (II); ANOTHER, WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?, THE COLOR OF MONEY, TRADE WINDS; CHAIN REACTION rules – also AXXA & UISGE; GAMEs for him, EXECUTIVE DECISION.

TO Phil & Dale. Brought UNO for Brian to borrow to practice for a competition this coming wk. Brought the 4 card GAMES I rcd. from "Hoyle Products" on 2/24/84, to give to Stephie - but Brian said they were collectibles & put them aside. I also brought the TURNING POINT dupl. of 5/20, for use at the lake (as Dale asked for); told kids it was for both of them; showed them the game w. "doubles", "steps", and keeping score - and just playing like REVERSI/OTHELLO, w. is much better. At "Peddlers Mart" bought "glue stick" (39¢), container of 60 small erasers in 4 colors (99¢) - (also got one for each of the kids); saw INK BLOTZ - THE GAME (est. abt. $3) - (got it in '87). At "Rock Bottom" bought package of stick-on letters ($1.26).

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (127, 7/90). Nothing of much interest to me.

Call from Dana Lombardy & took his address. Dana Lombardy
676 Shore Rd.
Severna Park, MD 21146
(301)-544-7228

He is pretty much out of games but is still involved w. GAMA (GAME MANUFACTURES ASSOCIATION). An acquaintance of his has a very professional looking model of a GAME based on forming headlines suitable for the tabloids such as "The Inquirer" etc. Told him abt. THE HEADLINES GAME (U.S. Playing Card Co.) but he still would like to try. After talking abt. the few possibilities, I turned down his suggestion that I might be an agent to get to the cos., and gave him Larry Mass' numbers. The acquaintance's co. name is "Laughing Buddha." He and Mathew Costello are investigating the possibilities of working together on a book describing the games preferred by various celebrities.

all from Audrey & Ronnie Corn. Due to construction on weekends there are 2 hr. waits at bridge. He'll arrange to take an afternoon off during wk. to come here. Will call w. date.

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Knut-Michael Wolf. Listing of nominees for "Spiel des Jahres." Ad for DENK MAL NO 3 (F.X. Schmid). Article - "10 Jahre SPIELBOX? Dieses Jubiläum muss wohl noch warten". Reviews: CASH (Ravensburger); GOLDRAUSCH (Hans-im-Glück-Verlag) - by Rainer Knizia; CASANOVA (F.X. Schmid); BIG BAND (ASS); HAITHABU (Hexagames) - w. comparison to DSCHUNGEL; DIE MAGISCHE 7 (Piatnik); PATERNOSTER (F.X Schmid); WER HAT MEHR? (Piatnik) - by Alan Moon; AUSGETRICKST (Verlag Heinz Fritsche); SUMMA SUMMARUM (F.X. Schmid) - by Gerhard Kodys; TRABER DERBY SPIEL (Burk Verlag). Article on "Der Einfluss des Europamarktes" w. mentions of TRIVIAL PURSUIT, COSA NOSTRA, AMNESIA, & others. Article on "Der lange Weg ins Neuheiten-Programm" w. interviews w. 3 aspiring "Autoren" - Jürgen Lange, Klaus Teuber, Thilo Hutzler. Article by Ferdinand de Cassan: ESSENER SPIELTAGE-'87 - 3M spiele / '88 - Alex Randolph spiele / '89 - Sid Sackson spiele; Friedhelm Merz. Continuing by Ferdinand - GAMUT OF GAMES co.: Phil Orbanes, Prince Joli Kansil, (Jack Guinness), "Great Family Fun" - THE 6 PACK OF [redacted] PAPER & PENCIL GAMES, CARTEL, INFINITY, MY WORD!, REALM; "The Armchair General series" - INVASION SICILY, LEE VS. MEADE, SARATOGA: 1777; "Games for TV Fans" - PLACE YOUR BETS, THE DIAMOND HEAD GAME; "All Time Classics" - BACKGAMMON B.C., BRIDGETTE; "Great Family Fun - Kleine - MONTAGE; "The 3 Last Games" - BUILD PUZZLE TOWN, SURPRISE ATTACK!, STRIKE IT RICH; "Great Adult Party Fun" - THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT, THE SENSUOUS GAME; "International series" - KONANE. Article on Paris game activity. "Poppel-International": CLOAK AND DAGGER (Spy-Eye Enterprises) & HOLLYWOOD (Waddingtons) - these 2 reviewed by Matthias Stobbe; ARISTO (Editions Dragon Radieux); SLICK! (Rostherne Games). Article on possibility of copyrighting games. Ad by "Reality Games" for MOUNTAIN & DUCADO. Description of GALAXY CHESS (Reality Games). "Letzte News" - [redacted] NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM (NES), GAMEBOY, TETRIS. Solution to previous BLACK BOX puzzle. "PBM Reveu" w. mention of many games. Ads by "Ravensburger" for CASH, DIE HEISSE SCHLACHT AM KALTEN BUFFET, & KARAWANE.

Rcd. letter from "Periodica" that I can send check in Am. money, to check w. bank. Called "Chem." for rate. Sent check for $54.96 - for J&S extension. (All mat'l. in '90 misc.-under this date.

Rcd. invite to press party by "Mayfair Games" for EURORAILS & CHILL (A new edition apparently) - Milwaukee. RSVP by 8/3.

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Rcd. FAIRPLAY (Nr. 12 Sommer '90) - (P.O. made point that their address - New York, N.Y./USA should be Bronx, NY 10469). Article on "Fussball Spiele": TIPP-KICK, SUBBUTEO; WEMBLY (Gibson's Games); SCHUSS UND TOR (Franjos) - by Rudi Hoffman; FUSSBALL-BUNDESLIGA (Klee); AUSGETRICKST (Hans Fritzche); LIBERO (Alfred Schnitger); CALCIOMANIA (Dal Negro); 1:0 (Wolfgang Beyer); TOR (Parker); FUSSBALL FÜR ALLE!!! (SVB Verlag); MUNDIALITO (I.T.); FUSSBALL WELTMEISTERSCHAFT (Heyne Taschenspiele); FUSSBALL-SCHACH (M. Hoffman KG); WAJES FUSSBALL SCHACH (Schwanenburg Verlag); FUSSBALL SCHACH (Schmidt-Spiel). Article on ESELSRENNEN, w. mention of DICKE KARTOFFELN & BOCKIGE ESEL. Article on "Warum ADEL VERPFLICHTET das 'Spiel des Jahres' werden sollte". "Antiquariat": HEXTENSION (Spear's); SAG' WIEVIEL! - w. rules for both. "Review" - MAX.X (Flying Turtle), "Neues" - TRAX (I.Q.-Company). Article on MAUERN BABYLON, w. mention of CATHEDRAL. Article on FAST FOOD. Article on ORDS. "Review" - NEW ORLEANS BIG BAND, w. mention of MAESTRO. "Buchtip" - [illegible] NEUE TAKTIKSPIELE MIT WÜRFELN UND KARTEN (Hugendubel) - w. mentions of me & SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE. Article on MAI 68: LE JEU. "Spiele aus der Schweiz" - "Editoy-Spielen" w. REISE DURCH 4 WELTEN, AIRPOLY, & GALAXY. Article on LICHT UND SCHATTEN (Herder Spiele). "A La Carte" - "Piatnik Hit-Serie" w. GEHEIME MISSION - by Gerhard Kodys, RETTET DIE UMWELT, DIE MAGISCHE 7, WER HAT MEHR? - by Alan Moon. Article on & picture of a GAME - all in Russian. "Review" of AMÖBENRENNER & SPIRIT. Pc. on Erwin Glonnegger's 65th birthday. Article on A. Randolph's DIE HEISSE SCHLACHT AM KALTEN BUFFET, w. mentions of PUSHOVER (P.), KANGURUH, & GENERALOWSKY (I.T.). Article on "Ein Jahr 'DEUTSCHES SPIELMUSEUM' in Hamburg" w. Peter Lemcke. Ad for BEI NACHT UND NEBEL (Ravensburger); for LICHT UND SCHATTEN (Herder Spiele).

Rcd. DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE (Nr. 3/90 - Juni/July '90). Review of NEUE SPIELE MIT WÜRFELN UND KARTEN by Rainer Knizig - w. mention of the legendary S.S.'s SPIEL ANDERS ALS ANDERE; other books listed - KARTENSPIEL ALS KUNST by Robert Abbott, SCHNELLE SPIELE BLOCK UND BLEISTIFTSPIELE, SPIEL FÜR ZWEI, SPIEL FÜR EINEN ALLEIN, SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE, KARTENSPIELE DER WELT, DENKSPIELE FÜR EINE, DENKSPIELE MIT FARBSTIFTEN, DENKSPIELEN MIT WÖRTERN, DENKSPIELE MITEINANDER (the last 6 by S.S. and unfortunately out of print). New addresses for

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Call from Terry Christiano. The "game" session is ~~set for~~ this Thurs. at noon - at 650 Park Ave., apt. 11B (Anne Devlin - 517-3566).

Called Steve Ross - and he called back, after an editor's meeting. In the present climate doing AGOG is risky. They are starting w. THE ORIGINAL TRIVIA TREASURY by Wayne Schmitberger, out this Oct. Then there will be a BASEBALL trivia book by Wayne next Feb. I asked & Matthew Costello's book is set for next Aug., but could be earlier if Matt has it ready sooner. I asked, and if I can get the plates for AGOG it would make it less risky. I brought up Matt's idea for combining the rules from BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, BEYOND WORDS, etc. in one book, w. sheets to be reprod; he hadn't heard abt. it but thought it might be interesting; he asked, and I told him abt. 100,000 sales for 1st & 80,000 for 2nd.

Called Luisa Siepi - at lunch & she called back. Thanked her for my getting back the AGOG rights, which she wasn't told abt. I asked abt. the plates, she told the managing editor of Alpic Karper abt. my request. This is Luisa's last wk. at "Pantheon." (572-2588

Rcd. "package" from "Elisabeth Jenniches" of "Trimedia Public Relations" - at Tom Werneck's request. Info on "Spiel des Jahres" '90 nominees: ADEL VERPFLICHTET (F.X. Schmid); DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE (Jumbo) - (this can hurt the chances for → TREASURE HUNT !!); DINO (Hexagames) - by Reinhold Wittig; DIE HEISSE SCHLACHT AM KALTEN BUFFET (Ravensburger) - by Alex Randolph; FAVORITEN (Müllers Spielewerkstatt); HEUCHEL & MEUCHEL (Franckh) - by Rudi Hoffmann; LANCELOT (Mattel) - by Roland Siegers; TABAIJANA (Herder) - by Wolfgang Kramer; NEW ORLEANS BIG BAND / BIG BAND (ASS). Listing of "Spiel des Jahres" info for '79 thru '89. Information on & pictures of the jury - ~~Facts~~ Uwe Petersen, Dr. Bernward Thole, Tom Werneck, & 6 others. (In Tom Werneck folder)

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS "Special Issue: Who Makes It - 1990-1991." Sent card for info on "SHOOTOUT" (World Landmarks Art Studio), ad by "Gruen Studios," w. names of many of his games.

Rcd. letter from Brian Walker, in ~~answer~~ to mine of 7/5. Issues #12 in of GAMES INTERNATIONAL & another binder are on the way. Changing to become more of a (serious) computer gaming mag., but will still cover boardgames. Mentions RAILROAD TYCOON (Micro Prose). "Herb Levy is a real tightwad."

Rcd. envelope, addressed to "Sidney Sackson P", from "Blue Panther Enterprises." Introductary rules for 3 PBM games: BOYS OF SUMMER, EMPIRES FOR RENT, THE FINAL CAMPAIGN. Introductary rules for KILL TED! - a "violent & senseless" card game. (In '90 misc. folder.)

Rcd. letter from Franz-Josef Schmitt w. brief message & 4 pictures. Added these to the ones I rcd. from Dagmar DeCassan on 5/2.

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Message from Pierre Berloquin - in Paris. He and Jean-Jacques Bl... (see '75) have interested the "Abalone" people in doing SIDOMINOS. The split will be ½ to me & the other half to them. I will be hearing from the "Abalone" people in N.Y.C. CONNEXION by "Interlude". Looked thru diaries at the story of SIDOMINOS, which was published as ~~[illegible]~~ by "Interlude" (see '78); it was also published briefly as MINI NR.5 by "ASS". Looked at the copies of CONNEXION & also LE VIZIR (Interlude). LE VIZIR is ANOTHER, w. a simplified scoring, which will preferable to my original if I can show it to Jeff Conrad - (I have been thinking of trying this). Played a solitar game of ANOTHER/LE VIZIR and it was quick & fun. (For info on MINI NR.5 see '77.)

Rcd. a postcard ad for STRIKE IT RICH, a PBM game. Addressed to "Sidney Sackson PE". (In '80 misc.)

Rich. package from "Tonka" w. the following "Parker" games: STRIKE IT LUCKY, INCOGNITO, & CASINO. Letter from David Binnie: thinking abt. how to market TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN (!!); INCOGNITO is AMNESIA; would like REALM & INFINITY; would love ENERGIE POKER; will send me more when gets shipment from France. He remembers playing TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLANE (must have been on 2/17).

From Edith Slotkin rcd. clipping abt. HURRICANE, a MONOPOLY imitation published by the inventor - "Eddie Strickland."

Letter from Tom Shaw. They are discontinuing SLEUTH - do I know anybody who might want the unassembled parts.

From "Pressman" rcd. 2nd quarter report for DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE & DOORWAYS TO HORROR - $0.00.

Rcd. J.&S. (No 8 - Juillet-Aout '90). Ad for LE ROI ARTHUR (orig). Ad for an ABALONE "Concours Photo." Review of 2 RPG's in 1 - IN NOMINE SATANIS / MAGNA VERITAS (Siroz), Reviews: LANCELOT (Mattel), LA JUSTICE EST AVEUGLE (Schmidt), 1992 (Editions du Hibou), EUREXPERT (Cirkenses); PICTIONARY (Tonka), SQUATT (Academy Toys), LA GUERRE DES SEXES (Habourdin), KENGI (Le Fi Du Dé) - originally called BABYLONE in '89, BONJOUR LE MONDE (Ferriot), LES BEUFS DE KARLATT (Jeux Descartes). "Play it Again" - 1000 BORNES - w. 3 variantes. "Histoire de Jeux" - LE MAHJONG, Ad "Ubi Soft" for SIR FRED, UNREAL, FINAL COMMAND, & BAT. "Dossier" - "Tous Vos jeux sont sur micro! - (many games mentioned). Ad by "Infogrames" for THE TOYOTTES, HOSTAGES, MURDERS IN SPACE, & DAMES SIMULATOR. Ad by "Miniplay S.A." for STARSAGA. Columns: GO; BRIDGE, ÉCHECS, SCRABBLE, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO, DAMES, TAROT, "Jeu en Encart" - SUPPORTERS. Article on LA MANILLE. "Prêt à Jouer"; LONG-COURRIER; JEUX D'ARGENT. Articles on ÉCHECS & RPG. Ad for TAKEMO (Editak).

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Called Steve Ross (see 6/18). Got answering machine of a gal. Left message that I'd like Steve to call me.

In connection w. David Binnie's request (see 7/26) looked for games. REALM - found just one large & one small (but I must have some others); INFINITY - found 1 large & 3 small.

Letter from Eamon Bloomfield - his new address. He is looking for new contracts. He "tinkers with 'MB' games." He has more room now to find dupl's. in his collection, to sell. With luck he'll get to NYC for TOY FAIR. Has heard that GAMES is gone; GAMES INTERNATIONAL will come back in Sept. as a computer games mag. with a board game insert. Enclosed 2 pictures.

SPIELFREAKS LTD
Eamon Bloomfield
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Thetford
IP25 6UZ
England

Letter from Joli Kansil. Repro of "Rest In Peace" article in GAMES INTERNATIONAL by George Crawshay - on Joli's MONTAGE. Note: Rollie Tesh there for a wk. - confident on BRIDGETTE. Prototypes (300 sets) being made in China for X-WORD. He was visited by Dagmar de Cassan.

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Letter from Christian Beiersdorf of "Schmid, F.X." Package w. ACROSS, DEADLY DICE, REACH, & TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN rcd. No mention of FAR OUT, FIVE, or VENTURE.

Rcd. "UPS" package from "International Games" / Jeff Conrad w/ UNO Deluxe Edition.

Rcd. royalty report from "Pantheon" (??) on CALCULATE! - $0.00 # AGOG - $325.12 in the hole.

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Red. GAMES #13. Me in connection w. "Hall of Fame" & my game SPY. "Reviews": LIFTOFF! (Task Force Games), CHAMELEQUIN (R&D Games), ABALONE (Abalone SA/Serif), CLUBHOUSE BASEBALL (Clubhouse Games Inc.). Ad by "SSI" for RED LIGHTNING, STELLAR CRUSADE, STARCOMMAND, DEMON'S WINTER, REBEL CHARGE AT CHICKAMAUGA, QUESTRON II; by "Jackabee Services" for CUP FEVER; by "MB" for AXIS & ALLIES & SHOGUN. Article by Derek Carver on his BLOOD ROYALE, w. mention of his WARRIOR KNIGHTS. "Book review" of HOW TO LAUNCH YOUR OWN BOARD GAME. Bruce Whitehill writes abt. "C" w. MONOPOLY, CLUE/CLUEDO, GO-MOKU, PENTE, GO-BANG, SORRY, RISK, SORRY, MASTERPIECE, PAYDAY, BOGGLE, [redacted] MAD MAGAZINE GAME, FLINCH, PIT, ROOK, TOURING, MILLE BOURNE. Ad by "Just Games" for German imports - BLACK MONDAY being my only rep. Ad by "TSR" for RED STORM RISING & THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER. Brian Walker interviews Wolfgang Kramer: TEMPO/FORMEL EINS, WILDLIFE ADVENTURE, AUF ACHSE, UNDERCOVER/HEIMLICH & CO, AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS, COUP/HOLIDAY, CASH, TERRA IRIDIUM; likes S.S. games & Alex Randolph's; teaches games - like HOL'S DER GEIER, CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL, PLAYBOSS, HARE AND TORTOISE; among his favourites - ACQUIRE, HARE AND TORTOISE, FOCUS, SHARK, AMAZING LABYRINTH, CHESS, 1830. SPY w. picture of me by Ian Livingstone. "RIP" by Derek Carver - LONG COURS/KAPT'N UND PIRAT. "Desert Island Games" by "Long John Humphries": JOCKEY (Ravensburger), CHALET (AGS), CAPITAL POWER (I.T.), SPECULATE (Waddingtons), FORTUNE (Ariel), BIGWIG (Explorations Inc.), POWER BARONS (MB), ECHELON (The Great Games Co.), 1829, RAIL BARON (A.H.), SCOTLAND YARD (Ravensburger), PAX BRITANNICA (Victory Games), CONFRONTATION (Ariel), ACQUIRE & CIVILISATION - so many copies already on the island, TV WARS, ADMINISTRATION WALTZ, HARE & TORTOISE, THE BOARD GAME BOOK by R.C. Bell. [redacted] EARL'S COURT TOY FAIR: Derek Carver - BATTLE OF BRITAIN (TSR), CLOAK AND DAGGER (Eye-Spy Enterprises); "Nigel Suckling" - TAXIDO (Indus Leisure), CHESS 2000; Ian Livingstone - WALKING THE DOG, LAW COURTS, IN THE MONEY by Jack Saffe (which sounded like VENTURE to him), TWEEDLEDUM by Alex Randolph (Gibsons Games), SPACE CRUSADE (MB/Games Workshop); POLE POSITION (Piatnik); George Crawshay - BAFFLED (RSH Games); Brian Walker - SPACE CRUSADE, HOLLYWOOD & KEY TO THE KINGDOM (Waddingtons), ABALONE (Serif Games), BATTLE OF BRITAIN (TSR), WORLD WAR II (TSR/SPI), MIDNIGHT PARTY (Waddingtons/Fisher Price), TWEEDLEDUM, IN THE MONEY. NÜRNBERG TOY AND HOBBY FAIR: SAHARA (Hexagames) & KARAVANA (Ravensburger) - (following last yrs. TARGUI & THE LAST CAMEL), ASTERIX & CASH (Ravensburger); DIGGING (Hexagames) & GOLD RUSH (Hans Im Gluck) - (following last yrs. GOLD GRABBER), ROMER (Hexagames), Alan Moon's GESPENSTER/BLACK SPY & WEHR HAT MEHR?/MOST (Piatnik), WIND UND WETTER (Jumbo), AUCTION (Schmidt Spiel), BORDERLANDS (Eon); "Kosmos" - TERRA TURRIUM by Wolfgang Kramer, HEUCHELN UND MEUCHELN by Rudi Hoffman; "FX Schmid" - ADEL VERFLICHTET, HOLIDAY AG/COUP (Fans of ACQUIRE should love this [redacted] ??). "Sniper": Michael Gray - FORTRESS AMERICA, SHOGUN, EASY MONEY; SCHOKO & CO, revisions coming; Alan Moon - MOST (Piatnik), GESPENSTER (Hexagames)/BLACK SPY (AH), BY A NOSE, 9 AIRLINES; FAME (OTAD); CIVILIZATION (Gibsons) - aim to control the destiny of the world - by "Daily Mail". "News": "Victory Games"

(cont. on 8/5)

Dale & Phil F. here. Brought me THE GAME OF SWEET TEMPTATION from FAMILY CIRCLE of 4/3. Wayne Schmittberger's name not on it. W. Brian to a rummage sale nearby. Bought 100-5"x3" lined index cards-(10¢); RUBIK'S WORLD PUZZLE (Brian said that he once gave me a copy - ?)($25¢); (a toy microphone for Brian - $1.00).

Played TETRIS w. BB using the following rules. Pcs. are all placed face down in the box, one of ea. of the 7 shapes is are turned face up in the center. Players in turn pick a pc. and place it. A placed pc. must "rest on" the bottom or "on" another pc. (no hanging from or next to). Pcs. of the same color can't touch, even at a corner. When the 7 pcs. are used another 7 are picked, etc. If a player cannot place a pc. that player is "out" and the others continue. When a player places a pc. that goes over the top red line that player is "out." Least uncovered spaces wins. Incidentally it is permissible to place a pc. in an "enclosed" area of 4 or more spaces. At BB's request played at least 6 games. // Call from Claude while kids here. Called & set date for 8/18.

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moved to Baltimore - working on THIRD FLEET & CONDITION RED; "Rostherne Games" - RAILWAY RIVALS, BUS BOSS, WINCHESTER; Free booklet to be available - THE FLAGSHIP GUIDE TO PBM GAMING; "Beer & Pretzels Board Games weekend" by "Spirit Games" - PASS OUT to "participation wargames"; Fan club for BATTLETECH (FASA); "Palladium" - RIFTS, TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES & OTHER STRANGENESS; "West End Games" - TORG, THE POSSIBILITY WARS. "War Game Reviews": 5TH FLEET (Victory Games); THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM (A.H.); BLITZKREIG '44 - by Ty Bomba - in COMMAND magazine. "Role Game Reviews": "TSR" - AD&D modules - TIME OF THE DRAGON, WATERDEEP, & DRAGON KEEP; STARFIRE (Starfire); ARS MAGICA 2nd Edition (Lion Rampant) - THE STORMRIDER scenario. "Computer Game Reviews": SCAPEGHOST (Level 9); SWORD OF THE SAMURAI (Microprose); BANDIT KINGS OF ANCIENT CHINA (KOEI). PANZER BATTLES & ROMMEL - BATTLES FOR NORTH AFRICA (SSG); SWORD OF ARAGON (SSI); GOLD OF THE AMERICAS (Strategic Studies Group); GRIDIRON! (Bethesda Softworks); HEAD COACH (Coda Software); PRO FOOTBALL SIMULATOR (Microsearch) - by John Saxon. Mention of COMPUTER QUARTERBACK (SSI), PRO FOOTBALL (Microsearch), PAYDIRT & STATIS PRO FOOTBALL (A.H.). "Bits": "Activision" - WARHEAD, NINJA SPIRIT; "Electronic Arts" - 688 ATTACK SUB, POWERDROME, LHX ATTACK CHOPPER; "Interplay" - DRAGON WARS; "Mindscape/Origins" - ULTIMA V - WARRIORS OF DESTINY; "Intogramme" - JUMPING JACK, EAGLE RIDER; "Accolade" - POWERBOAT USA, GUNBOAT; "Virgin" - WORLD CUP SOCCER. In "Classified" David Singmaster asks for ORION & others. Ad by "Mindscape" for BAD BLOOD & another for ULTIMA VI - THE FALSE PROPHET

Visit from Audrey & Ronnie Corn, bringing us a VCR tape w. "Dangerous Liasons" & 2 other movies. To temple on E. Lincoln. Bought THE WHO'S WHO GAME (Cadaco) ($2). Saw INPUT (MB) - pretty sure I had it, & I do. Back & played 4-hand TETRIS - played O.K. but they weren't thrilled. Played 3-hand MAVERICK COUNTRY (BB cooking) and it was quite interesting. Audrey gave me 2 clippings: USA WEEKEND - Burt Hochberg review ADVERTEASING (Cadaco), ENCORE (P.), GENDER BENDER (The Games Gang), OUTBURST (Western Publ.), SCATTERGORIES (MB), TRIVIAL PURSUIT: THE 1980s (P.) - mention of upcoming book by Burt CHESS PSYCHOLOGY IN ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL - article on Ruth Thorpe, a 95 yr. old BRIDGE master, w. description of DUPLICATE BRIDGE, and mention of PEDRO. Next date on 10/6, for "Harvest Festival."
Later thinking that 7 pts. for a "bonus" is pretty small when 3 play. Decided to give 11 pts. when 2 or 3 play, 7 for 4, 5, or 6.

called Jan Travers @ "Abalone" to ask abt. Pierre Bertoquin & SIDOMINOS. Jan said that it is Michel Lalet in Paris who is dealing w. Pierre; that Michel is a big fan of mine; that he will be in N.Y. in Sept. (I believe) and that I will hear from him abt. setting up a date for him to come here. I asked abt. the variations to ABALONE that he, Jan, had said he'd send me; he just doesn't have the time to get them organized.

Letter to David Binnie; TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLANE, Peter Schmitt; INFINITY, REALM, MONTAGE - GAMES ILLUSTRATED #15; ENERGIE POKER; STRIKE IT LUCKY, INCOGNITO, CASINO; Alison Kellett.

Call from Felicia. She rcd. the royalty report & check from "A.H." VENTURE - $0; ACQUIRE - April $237.26, May $50.02, June $45.32, for a total of $332.60; SLEUTH - total of $.48. My share is $283.12. She'll send check at end of wk. Told her of Al Richter's death.

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Rec'd. note from Audrey Corn that 10/6 is correct for "Harvest Festival."

Aerogramme to David Singmaster: ORION, Ruth Routberg; THINK-A-DOT, SOMA ADDICT, AVALANCHE.

Rcd. new AMERICAN STATIONERY catalog.

Aerogramme to David Pritchard: rules for ONE-DIMENSIONAL CHESS by Martin Gardner (from 7/80 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN); also an expanded version I came up w. today; PLOY by Frank Thibault / "Sid Saxon" - promised repro; will keep list of CHESS variants.

Bd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Oct. '90) - nothing on games.

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Rcd. Aug. PLAYTHINGS. Clipped: Article on "European toy and game market seen as fragmented"; Ad for KING O' KINGS (Belcam)-card *(again); Pc. on WALL STREET TRADER (James Bobreski)-card*; Pc. on "Acclaim" & its founder "Gregory Fischbach"; Pc. on CENTURION: DEFENDER OF ROME (Electronic Arts); Pc. on READ MY LIPS (Pressman).

Rcd. letter from Franz-Josef Herbst of "franjos Spielverlag." They will do Dr. Eric Soloman's BLACK BOX & VICE VERSA (and will send me copies). SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE no longer published. Their terms, which are fine.

Thru PLAYTHINGS rcd. info on TURNING THE TABLES (Turning the Tables, Inc.). Placed in '90 misc. folder.

Started letter to Christian Beiersdorf of "FX Schmid."

Finished letter to Christian Beiersdorf: ACROSS, DEADLY DICE, TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN (forgot to mention REACH!!), FIVE, FAR OUT; Mr. Shaw, VENTURE; PE-LING; ~~ADEL VERPFLICHTET~~ ADEL VERPFLICHTET.

Letter from John Farewell - form letter that this is the last from "International Game Collector and Trader." "Price List #44 - mainly S&TS & other "S.P.I." games - some as high as $50; also for $6 - THE COMPLETE 3-M GAMES CATALOG (2nd edition) by de Cassan, him & 2 others.

Envelope from Joe Nikisch w. following items. Letter abt. ~~my letter~~ of 7/20; he never got the rulos for BANANA BLITZ, BAZAAR(II), & ~~all the~~ ~~info on It's A~~ IT'S A DEAL; he did get one of my letters, w. the mat'l. for IT'S A DEAL; WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?, ANOTHER, & THE COLOR OF MONEY - no decision yet; German rules for CHAIN REACTION & English for VISGE included; English for CHAIN REACTION & AXXA coming when they are ready; has EXECUTIVE DECISION copy there; games I will get for him. On a note he asked abt. a card game POTTER (couldn't find anything on it). He included 6 copies each of an ad sheet for CHAIN REACTION, & the rules - including a variation where you win by filling the 7 opposite end spaces, the opponent having a final turn to try & move 1 or more pcs. out, (I'll have to try it).

Letter from Klaus-D. Kilz of "Franckh-Kosmos." would like to see TREASURE HUNT, but w. a diff. theme; there are a couple of dessert-camel-treasure-stories.

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Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#128) - nothing of particular interest to me.

Rcd. letter from Erwin Glonnegger, w. repros

Mailed MAVERICK COUNTRY to Roland Siegers @ "Mattel" ($6.10); mailed the 3 game rules to Joe Nikisch ($1.80).

Covering letter to Roland Siegers (90¢) w. a set of the MAVERICK COUNTRY rules, including the distribution of Maverick pieces & a "Memo."

Received package from Wolfgang Kramer: copy of CASH (Ravensburger) & his English translation of the rules; letter mentioning BIERBÖRSE / BAZAAR.

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA #320. Ad by Paul Greenough - selling games: SHOGI, GO, CAMELOT, CHESS, CHECKERS, ELEPHANT, MAH JONG, XAINGI & various books on board games. Instructions for making a CHESS set out of nuts & bolts, etc. Phil Cohen: discusses ABALONE w. rules; GOOP & GOOKS OR, I.t (math) = laughter - a book of mathematical humor and wordplay by Paul Yearout; Ted Drange challenge GO LIFE GAME, w. mention of GO CORNER GAME; 'rule sketches for SPHERICAL CHESS, MECKLENBECK CHESS, ISOLATION. Ads for mags: INSIDE CHESS, CHESS INTERNATIONAL

Rcd. royalty report for BAZAAR (May/June/July '90) - $460.50.

Rcd. royalty report for DAS ERBE DES MALONEY (1. halbjahr 1990) - DM 3,443.24.

Found the article on Focus as game of the yr. in Poland - in JES (#60/Juillet-Aout 89), which I rcd. on 10/12/89, but undoubtedly entered it in diary much later.

called Anne Soucie. Tentative date for them to come here w. Raymond & family on 9/9. Told her I found article on Poland.

(After supper at Park Diner) visit from Louise & Charlie Stockman. Played ANOTHER and after a little confusion Louise caught on fine. Charlie won after taking the lead on the 3rd hand.

From "Chemical Bank" rcd. notice of $2,204.80 entry into checking account - for DAS ERBE DES MALONEY (see yesterday).

Letter from David Pritchard: ONE-DIMENSIONAL CHESS, Martin Gardner, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN; GAMES, GAMES INTERNATIONAL; CHESS TOO - in CHESS LIFE, CHEZZ - not CHEXX, PLEX - in GAMES, MINISTERS, TYX-XYT, SCHESS, CHEDS, ZONAL CHESS - in a Don Miller zine; John & Robin, BANTU.

Called Herb Levy. He was at garage sales & spoke to Lynn. Told her abt. finding the Focus/Poland article. He'll call me tomorrow.

Rcd. ANALOG (Oct. '90). Nothing on games.

Visit from Laurences. Played ANOTHER; Annette was way behind, but won by getting a clean sweep. Showed her the solitaire & she won on her first try.

To ask for copy of TEMPTATION called Bill Stoller - his number was changed to 201/449-3849. By mistake called "1107 Bway" no. and spoke to "Conky" - she knew me and will send a copy. The 21 E. 4th St. no. is 212/353-3830.

Called Tom Shaw to ask abt. ~~SHOWBIZ~~ SHOWBIZ & WRASSLIN' (see 8/13). They are having some filing problems, but they should be on the way soon. ($.43)

Didn't receive order from "American Stationery." Called & spoke to "Evelyn." She'll put in another order but can't guarantee when it will come. She said that my original order may still reach me, and if so I can keep both.

Called copy shop & I can place my blank sheets in machine to repro one w. the heading. (Checked & I have 36 envelopes & many more blank sheets.)

Call from Felicia. She'll send the "A.H." check on Fri. Told her abt. my reason for not sending the Focus/Poland repro to Bill Riva; she said to forget abt. it.

Rcd. TEMPTATION (Games Gang) from "Corky." It is by Paul Gruen.

Called "University Games" in CA. Fellow I spoke to said that the retail price for ASAP is $17.00. He said that Bob Moog would like to speak to me; he took my no. & Bob will call tomorrow. (7¢)

Started letter to Franz-Joset Herbst of "franjos Spielverlag."

To copy shop & reprod abt. 55 copies of my stationery (~~$3.14~~, including tax). Ok., except that it is quite light. (discarded).

Rcd. announcement of an exhibit of 5 artists at CENTRE CULTUREL.

Idea for making TEMPTATION more competative. Have one (or more) of the white faces marked w. (say) a red dot. When this shows the throw must be used on your choice of the opponents. (To be worked up-if I feel like it.)

Rcd. "UPS" delivery of AMERICAN STATIONERY in 2 boxes. Called "Evelyn" to tell her. She said that I may still receive the reorder she put in yesterday. Another diff. catalog in the box.

Call from Bob Moog. Told him that I liked ASAP a lot better than ALVA, & he agreed. He also likes CUE ME! Asked, & he said that they'll have some new things at "Toy Fair." I asked if they take things from outside; occasionally, but he didn't seem anxious to look into this. I suggested him visiting during "Toy Fair"; possibly-but he is usually very busy. Asked, & he'll send a copy of ASAP to Herb Levy.

Called Mary Pietromonaco at "Rowland/MB" to ask for TETRIS list price. She is out for a few days, "Rene Jones" was supposed to call w. the info-but she didn't.

Called the downtown/6th St. no. for "GAMES GANG". Spoke to Lee Gelber. The list price for CUE ME! is from $25 to $30. Asked, and it is doing ok. so far but now it is a matter of reorders.

Finished the letter to Franz-Josef Herbst & BB typed it: NETWORK, DOMINO BEAD GAME, CAN'T STOP-w. new rule & variations; Eric Solomon, BLACK BOX, VICE VERSA; ALADDINS ERBE.

In preparing to write to "Franckh-Kosmos" looked as SUCCESS/BUSINES$ KIDS GAME. (Didn't get to the letter.)

Played solitaire ANOTHER, & won on the 4th try. Before this missed by just one card.

Rcd. ADEL VERPFLICHTET (FX Schmid) - sent airmail.

Call from Ray Soucie. Arranged date on 9/9.

Called Mary Pietromonaco's no. & left a message. Soon after got call from Rene Jones. The list price for TETRIS is "ca. $10". told her abt. my variation on TETRIS and she'll send "MB" abt. the color/shape distribution next wk. & get back to me. Told her I'll send my review/variation in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT to them. She just rcd. a package of THE SIMPSONS DICE GAME; she asked, and will send me one.

W. "Sunoco" bill rcd. ad for "THE Franklin Spellmaster Plus" which, as well as other uses, claims that GAMES can be played on it. (Filed in '90 misc. folder.)

From "Mayfair Games" rcd. "UPS" packages w. MYTH FORTUNES & EURORAILS. In latter - Summer catalog 89: BATMAN ROLE-PLAYING GAME, CITY-STATE OF THE INVINCIBLE OVERLORD w. a no. of adventures, DC HEROES ROLE-PLAYING GAME w. many adventures; EMPIRE BUILDER, SANCTUARY, THE ELFQUEST BOARDGAME, MYTH FORTUNES, FAMILY BUSINESS, DRAGONRIDERS OF PERN, LONE WOLF & CUB, GEMSTONES; Many "Role Aids". Form letters from Deborah Powley in each, w. suggested retail price.

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To Dale, W. Brian to a garage sale; bought large role of clear "Contact" ($6.00); gave big pcs. to Brian & Stephie. Saw WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (MB) for $3.00 - didn't buy.

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Played ANOTHER w. BB. Won 2 out of 3. Fun.

Letter to Klaus-Dieter Kilz: →→ TREASURE HUNT, SUCCESS.

Call from Herb Levy. Baby sitter O.K. for this Fri. Told him that w. me doing CUE ME! & ASAP, his doing SCATTERGORIES might be too much of the same type; he'll think abt. it. Told him he will be getting copy of ASAP. Told him I didn't have CHEOPS or PEOPLES COURT; only latter is a dupl. - but he'll bring both Fri. for me to look at. He rcd. KING O' KINGS (Belcam) which he'll also bring for me to look at; there is a resemblance to FOCUS. A Canadian mag. said that RED EMPIRE (GDW) was terrible; since when the 4 of us played he was the only one who liked it he'll look at it again before reviewing it; he'll bring me repros. From "Mayfair" he rcd. MYTH FORTUNES but not EURORAILS; told him he'll probably get it, since mine came in 2 separate packages.

Rcd. English rules for NOBLESSE OBLIGE/ADEL VERPFLICHTET, w. note from Rainer Schmid (I am pretty sure). Read-looks good.
Rcd. notice that my membership in THE NOST expires Oct. '90.
Rcd. KING 'O KINGS (Belcom) (folder of sheets left in box).

Moved a lot of games, etc. from the couch in paisley room to bed in my bedroom.

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Messages on machine (2) from Felicia, abt. sending out my share of "AH" royalties.

Called "International Games." Fellow I spoke to said that Jeff Conrad had left for the day, and he'll be in N.Y.C. tomorrow. Can call him at "Ray Largen Assoc." Asked, & last wk's tornado missed them by 34 mile. (29¢)

Called "Larsen Assoc," Jeff Conrad not there, but he called me back. This is purely a business trip - abt. sales. He'll be in NYC again in a few wks. and will call abt. setting a date. Told him that ANOTHER has been played by a 6 yr-old and that adults love it.

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. I asked, he is finishing his book - THE ORIGINAL TRIVIA TREASURY which "Wiley" is doing; it has a no. of diff. ways to play. Told him abt. GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT and asked for a review copy; he'll put in the request. Told him I got a copy of his SWEET TEMPTATION. The reason for his call - he did a game BON VOYAGE for Gavin Brackenridge and it needs some work; he suggested me; he asked, & my fee is $50 an hour; he'll have Gavin call me; it is another of those games where parts of the board are sold to cos. I brought up the revised version of YOUR MONEY; he thinks he gave me the new rules, but neither of us sure. Asked, & his no. at work is ((212)-779-4391)).

Call from Gavin Brackenridge. BON VOYAGE has some good points, but people find it a little too complicated. Told him I liked simple rules that lead to more & more interesting situations as you get experience; which he liked. He'll call to arrange to send me the model. I'll get $50 an hr. & won't go over 10 hours without checking w. him. Asked if he had any copies of YOUR MONEY left; abt. 4000; he'll send me one. His no. is ((212)-935-5470)).

Called Mary Pietromonaco to ask abt. the color/shape distribution in TETRIS (see 8/30). Apparently she didn't speak to Rene Jones abt. it. She'll check.

Working on TETRIS review & realized that their rule for ending the game could lead to a player quickly putting down pcs, and reaching the top w. one or more in place.

Call from Rene Jones, who apparently didn't speak to Mary Pietromonaco. She didn't get a chance to call MB yet, & will do it tomorrow. Told her that there was a fatal flaw in their rules, that I'd like to have someone there call me - possibly Michael Gray. I asked abt, ~~the Simpsons~~ THE SIMPSONS DICE GAME; she'll send it in a day or so; brought up Herb Levy and she'll send one to pass on to him. Thinking that perhaps "a fatal flaw" was a little too strong, I left a message, and then she called me. Told her, called, but said I'd still like to talk to someone at MB. She said I got her so interested that she is taking a copy of TETRIS home tonight.

Either Mary or Rene asked me to send a copy of GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT to them. We agreed that I'd wait & send the one w. TETRIS.

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Call from Rene Jones

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Rec'd. PLAYTHINGS - Sept. '90. Clipped ~~article~~ ad for ROUND O' GOLF (Belcom); (there is also one for KING O' KINGS which I didn't clip); "Product News" on "Belcom" w. ROUND O' GOLF, MATCHPOINT, JUNGLE TREK, SOS - card*. "Product News" on MIKE DITKA'S BIG PLAY FOOTBALL (Accolade/Nintendo). Small ad by "Big Fun A Go Go, Inc." for TRIBOND (do I have anything on this?). Ad for MAIN STREET BASEBALL (Main St. Toy).

Letter from Christian Beiersdorf of "FX Schmid." They are returning TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN, FIVE, DEADLY DICE & ACROSS, REACH & particularly FAR OUT are possible for '92. VENTURE problems w. "A.H." have been cleared up.

ll from Fred Schaefer ((213-559-2906)). He heard abt.
me first from Marvin Silbermintz, & then from a no. of others.

Rcd. envelope (addressed to Sidney Sackson PE) from "Schubel & son" w. ad sheets for FOG OF WAR & ANCIENT EMPIRES (Charles D. Bennett); for GLOBAL SUPREMACY & GLORY (Blackhawk Enterprises)

Rcd. "UPS" delivery w. TABOO (M.B.)-dupl. & THE DISNEYLAND GAME. These are both by "Hersch and Company" & letter from Brian L. Hersch enclosed: mentions my ~~various~~ comments on his OUT OF CONTEXT & OUTBURST, & wanting his games in my collection.

Copied complete info on THE DISNEYLAND GAME, so that I can give it away. (Placed in '90 Misc. folder.)

ch. "Fedex" package from Dan Ferrane: copy of UNIQUELY NEW JERSEY - dupl.; Repros of NORTHWEST PACKAGE; Rules for NEW JERSEY MATCHMAKER GAME & NEW JERSEY MATCHMAKER MINIGAME.

Rcd. letter from Michael Gray. English rules for BARBAROSSA (ASS) - by Klaus Teuber (who invented ADEL VERPFLICHTET) - translated by "Mike Schloth" & Alan R. Moon (not too complete). List of books by David Parlett: PENGUIN BOOK OF CARD GAMES, PENGUIN BOOK OF WORD GAMES, POKER & BRAG, SOLITAIRE, CARD GAMES FOR EVERYONE (these are the 5 Parlett books he has). He is "looking forward to reading my book on Card Games!" (Added rules to copy of BARBAROSSA I rcd. on 12/30/88. Discarded the letter.)

Looked for copies of PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD & have only 2. Checked in diary and rcd. the following: 1 on 10/15/81, 9 on 10/19/81, 3 on 11/6/81. Gave out following: Phil Laurence on 10/31/81, Claude on 11/6/81, Ronnie Corn on 11/7/81, David Horn on 12/25/81, [illegible] Eamon Bloomfield & Derek Carver on 2/22/82, Walter Luc Haas on 3/6/82, Mary Hilf on 3/9/82, Herb Kohl on 3/14/82, Martin Gardner ?-see 1/7/84, Felicia - did I ever give her one?

Rcd. package [illegible] addressed to "Burt Hochberg, PSC Publications, here" w/ copy of VANITY CHASE (Patomike, Inc.). Form letter from Tom Meisenheimer (left in box).

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THIRD PAYMENT FEDERAL INCOME TAX DUE.

BB rcd. a JC Penney X'Mas catalog. Tore out pages w, the following: BAFFLERS IN A TIN, TEASERS IN A TIN; COLLEGE BOARD GAMES, WOODS AND WATERS TRIVIA GAME; CARROM, NERF FENCING, NERF BLAST-A-BALL, MELVIN, CROSSFIRE, CRASH CANYON, SHARK ATTACK!, THIN ICE, TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES TOWER OF DOOM GAME, THE SIMPSONS GAME - MYSTERY OF LIFE, THE BATMAN GAME, THE DICK TRACY GAME, DOMINO'S PIZZA DELIVERY GAME, THE DISNEYLAND GAME, HANGMAN, OPERATION, READ MY LIPS, SABADO GIGANTE, CLEVER ENDEAVOR, NOTEABILITY, CLUE MASTER DETECTIVE, GUESS WHO?; RUMI-K (Senior Series), TABOO, CLAIM TO FAME, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, SCATTERGORIES, QUICK WIT, OUTBURST, ADVERTEASING, CAREERS, MALL MADNESS, SORRY, CLUE, LIFE, MONOPOLY; "Nintendo Game Boy" - SUPER MARIO LAND, DOUBLE DRAGON, NFL FOOTBALL, TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES, BASES LOADED, CASTLEVANIA THE ADVENTURE; "Atari Lynx" - GAUNTLET III, GATES OF ZENDOCON, CHIP'S CHALLENGE, BLUE LIGHTNING; "Nintendo Game Packs" - BATMAN, TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES, SUPER MARIO BROS. 3, DOUBLE DRAGON II, NINJA GARDEN II, ASTYNAX, DOUBLE DRAGON, ROBOCOP, ABADOX, DRAGON'S CURSE (CASTLEVANIA III), SOLSTICE, WHEEL OF FORTUNE FAMILY EDITION, JEOPARDY 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, TARGET: RENEGADE, TOP GUN THE SECOND MISSION, SUPER C, RED RACER II, BASES LOADED II THE SECOND SEASON, WCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING, TECMO BOWL, NES PLAY ACTION FOOTBALL, MAGIC JOHNSON'S FAST BREAK, DIG DUG II, CHAMPIONSHIP BOWLING, IVAN "IRONMAN" STEWART'S SUPER OFF ROAD, I CAN REMEMBER, BUBBLE BOBBLE, SNOOPY'S SILLY SPORTS SPECTACULAR; "Sega Genesis" - CYBERBALL ROBOT FOOTBALL, MICHAEL JACKSON'S MOONWALKER, PHANTASY STAR II, GOLDEN AXE, SUPER MONACO GRAND PRIX, PAT RILEY'S BASKETBALL, ALEX KIDD - ENCHANTED CASTLE, TOMMY LASORDA BASEBALL, ARNOLD PALMER TOURNAMENT GOLF; ELECTRONIC TALKING BATTLESHIP, SIMON, JORDAN VS. BIRD, PAPERBOY, STAR FIGHTER ELECTRONIC PINBALL, SUPER MARIO BROS. PINBALL, AUTO RACE PINBALL.

Rcd. "UPS" package from Dan Ferrone w. mat'l. on "Christopher Columbus."

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Read over the mat'l. on "Christopher Columbus" I rcd. from Dan Ferrone on 9/20.

Called "abalone." Spoke to Joe Strell. Jan Travers in Paris till next month. Strell will ask him abt. SIDOMINOS & Pierre Berloquin's address & phone no. & get back to me.

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Rcd. "Kurzbrief/Short message: Dear Sid, This is only a short message for you that I got both letters. I wish you good luck till the next time I hope I will have more time. Best Wishes - Joe (Nikisch). (Discarded.)

Rcd. DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE (4/90 - Aug./Sept. '90), "Mixed Pöppels": "Neues von Dave Watts" - BUS BOSS, SEND!, WINCHESTER, SLICK; New rules for MURPHY (Flying-Turtle); New Martin Gardner book - BACONS GEHEIMNIS - DIE WÜRFEL DES ZUFALLS UND ANDERE NUMERISCHE MERKWÜRDIGKEITEN; GAMES INTERNATIONAL into GAMER. "Spiel des Jahres": ADEL VERPFICHTET (F.X. Schmid) - by Klaus Teuber; "Schönes Spiel" - LIFESTYLE (Ravensburger). Reviews: SCHATZINSEL (Jumbo) - by Alex Randolph - from SPIELECOLLECTION Nr. 1, SPIELE ZUR SCHATZINSEL by Reinhold Wittig; RÖMER (Hexagames) - by Rudolf Ross; DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PYRAMIDE (Jumbo)

Finished entering the "Toy Fair" into '88 diary, which I have been working on for a wk, or more. Now I have to finish the index cards!

Thinking of a game idea that I originally got in connection w. Scot Morris and his LINKS. Instead of names I have letter discs, w. vowels on 1 side & consonents on the other. These are shaken into a 10×10 layout - or possibly 8×8. Starting & goal spaces are set by throwing 2 dice. - 10 or 8 sided. Move by making words; go again for word of the specified length - 5, 6, etc. All letters except the start & finish are turning over. (Rough idea). Working title - WANDERING WORDS.

Card from Robin & John in Williamsburg for NOST convention. (Discarded.)

While putting games into boxes upstairs found the copy of NERF INDOOR GOLF I was looking for on 9/21.

Call from Herb Levy. He is thinking of TURN THE TABLES & STAR STRUCK for possible reviews; he'll ask them to send me copies. He has tried calling abt. ELDORADO, but noone answers. He rcd. VANITY CHASE; neither of us think it is great. Told him I rcd. WRASSLIN' & NEW WORLD fran "A.H."; he hasn't. We both think EURORAILS should be reviewed.

Rd. "tube" from David Watts: Copy of WINCHESTER. Listing of "Rostherne Games": RAILWAY RIVALS, PIRATE ISLAND, SLICK!, PENINSULAR WAR, BUS BOSS, WINCHESTER, CHESSINGTON NORTH, CHESSINGTON SOUTH, CHAFTS. Letter: TROMINO GO, SPRINGLINE, CHAIN REACTION, FOCUS, WINCHESTER, SEND!, DAMPFROSS - RAILWAY RIVALS, DAS SPIEL, STOCKBRIDGE.

Call from Joe Strell @ "Abilene. He spoke to Jay Travers who then faxed him the address for Nothing on SIDOMINOS, other than a mention of mention of Michel Lalet, one of the inventors of ABALONE.

Pierre Berloquin
F.I.L.
36, Rue Sedaine
35011 Paris, France
33-1-47.00.40.32

Package from "F.X. Schmid" returning FIVE, DEADLY DICE, TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN, ACROSS. All O.K.

Call from Dan Ferrone. Told him I have been thinking abt. THE COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY GAME; he liked the idea of the 3 ships and players taking them over by mutinies; (BB didn't). He'll send me more info & then will arrange a meeting.

Call from Felicia - just to say the "A.H." check hasn't come yet.

Found empty box for TRECKERS rcd. in '81, in basement. Later found note in my other copy that I gave it to Walter Luchaas- the contents that is.

Call from Dan Ferrone's sect. She is sending me a book on "The Discoverers" by "Fedex" tomorrow morning. Later rcd. the mat'l, Dan called abt. yesterday; read the small portion that was of interest to me.

Called Mary Pietromonaco at "Rowland." In a meeting & I asked to have Rene Jones call me - also asked for her telephone no. ((527-8828)). Rene called; they haven't rcd. copies of THE SIMPSONS DICE GAME but she'll try to have 2 copies to me by Fri. of next wk.

Letter from Klaus-D. Kilz of "Franckh-Kosmos." Would like to have →→ TREASURE HUNT & SUCCESS not too late in November. Called main P.O. and got the following air mail prices; 4#- $23.10, 5# $27.90, 6#- $31.90; delivery in abt. 2 wks.

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To the Corys, bringing TABOO (MB)-dupl. of 9/13.
To "Harvest Festival" & bought the following items: TRIBULATION (Whitman)-dupl. (extra set of circles included); VISITING WILLIAMSBURG (Charles H. Overly)-dupl.-rules & 1 card missing; FOIL (3M)-dupl.; DOWN THE TUBES (Whitman)-dupl.; CAN'T STOP (P.)-2 dupl. copies; LEXICON (Waddingtons House of Games)-dupl.-3 cards missing; LINGO (Colorforms)-1 card missing; WORD WAR (Mattel)-rules & more missing; RISK(P.)-kept dice, cards, & pcs.-which are diff. plastic than any I have (25¢ each); THINK A DOT (E.S.R. Inc)-dupl.-marble missing. For $1.00 bought SCARNE'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO GAMBLING. Bought 2 bottles of black india ink (50¢ ea.); 8 erasers ($1.00).

9 TUES

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 1990

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY • 282ND DAY • 83 DAYS TO COME

WEDNES

OCTOBER 1997 • [redacted]DAY 10

COLUMBUS DAY • THANKSGIVING DAY (CANADA) • 283RD DAY • 82 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. WHITE DWARF #129, GAMES DAY 90 mentions "future developments"; REALM OF CHAOS - for WARHAMMER FANTASY BATTLE, also MIGHTY EMPIRES; CONFRONTATION - for WARHAMMER 40,000; CHIVALRY - a new medieval games system. Ad for WAR OF WIZARD a telephone game by Ian Livingstone.

Visit from Dale & Phil. Brought me SEDUCTION (CreaTek) - dupl.; INTERNATIONAL MÜHLE (Aüf/Zü); THIRD MAN (Saalfield & Bromgym/Percepta Corp.), Phil also gave me clipping from ANTIQUES AND THE ARTS WEEKL AGCA convention; Ralph Anspach, ANTI-MONOPOLY, MONOPOLY. The kids played THE SIMPSONS DON'T HAVE A COW DICE GAME.

Rcd. Oct. PLAYTHINGS, clipped the following: Calendar; Ad by "Belcor for ROUND O' GOLF & KING O' KINGS; TRIBOND 2nd edition (Big Fun A G Co) - card*; pc. on "Talicor" w. Lew Herndon, STAK ATTACK & I LOVE LUCY; pc. on "Hasbro/M.B." w. George R. Ditomassi & E. David Wilson; Ad for WRASSLIN' (A.H.); Ad for ROLL-A-GOAL (Neverbored Games Co.) - card*.

TUES

OCTOBER 1970 • SUNDAY 16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF TRINITY • 289TH DAY • 76 DAYS TO COME

17 WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 1990

ALASKA DAY (ALASKA) • 290TH DAY • 75 DAYS TO COME

21 SUN
SUNDAY • OCTOBER 1970
294TH DAY • 71 DAYS TO COME

MON

OCTOBER 1990 • [illegible]DAY 22

295TH DAY • 70 DAYS TO COME

Rec'd. "Hammacher Schlemmer" catalog. Clipped ads for the following: SLICK SHOT - video pool game; THE INTERACTIVE TALKING CHESS GAME; MONOPOLY - commemorative edition ($59.95); ELECTRONIC BASEBALL CARD GAME

Rec'd. envelope from "Hexagames" w. report of 6/31/90: DIE 1. MILLION - 2021 sold - DM 1,179.86; BLACK MONDAY - 2177 sold - DM 1,270.93; CHOICE - 365 sold - DM 213.09; CHAIN REACTION EXCL. - 6 sold - 490.20 DM remaining from advance. Check for DM 2,663.88.

1,750.70 - 7.00

25 THURSDAY • OCTOBER 1990

298TH DAY • 67 DAYS TO COME

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OCTOBER 1970 • ~~WEDNES~~DAY 26

299TH DAY • 66 DAYS TO COME

SUN

OCTOBER 1970 • [redacted]DAY 28

ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE APOSTLES • 301ST DAY • 64 DAYS TO COME

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR DIARY FOR 1978?

From CENTRE CULTUREL rcd. notice of "De Gaulle" exhibit. (Discarded.

Call from Felicia. She is going to call "A.H." abt. our 3rd quarter domestic royalties. Told her I thought we got them, but it was 2nd quarter. Looked at last yr. & we rcd. 3rd quart early in Nov. Called to tell Felicia and she'll wait.

Called Tom Shaw. Told him that Herb Levy will be reviewing NEW WORLD; that we felt that WRASSLIN' was for fans of wrestling. Asked for copy of SHOWBIZ so that I could review it; he'll send it right out. Asked if he had any plans for trip to NYC; not till Toy Fair w. Jack Dott; will try to arrange a visit. Asked abt. VENTURE and he tried to connect me to Jack Dott. Not around & to call me back.

Call from Jack Dott. They rcd. an advance on VENTURE from "FX Schm I asked if I could get more than 50% since I dealt w. Schmid no. Brought it up, and he'd love to come here during Toy Fair to see my collection. He transferred me the their accountant to talk abt. the VENTURE advance; who transferred me to the one who handles [redacted] foreign royalties - Phyllis Orolko (ext. 23 she will be sending me the VENTURE advance in a wk. or so; we agreed that - since the last foreign royalty check was ~~sent~~ made out to me but sent to Felicia - she'll send them to me in the future and I'll send Felicia her share.

Letter to Christian Beiersdorf: ADEL VERPFLICHTET; DEADLY DICE, FIVE, ACROSS; FAR OUT, REACH; Jackson Dott, VENTURE.

TUES

OCTOBER 1997 • SUNDAY 30

TWENTY—SECOND SUNDAY OF TRINITY • 303RD DAY • 62 DAYS TO COME

31 WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 1990

HALLOWEEN • REFORMATON DAY • 304TH DAY • 61 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#130), Rules & cards for CHIVALRY - an addition to WARHAMMER, but can be played independantly.

Short visit from Dan Ferrone, Told him abt. my ideas for THE COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY GAME and pretty much got him to agree w. my ideas.

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2 ~~WEDNES~~DAY • NOVEMBER 1970

ALL SOULS' DAY • 306TH DAY • 59 DAYS TO COME

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NOVEMBER 1997 • [redacted]DAY 3

307TH DAY • 58 DAYS TO COME

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[redacted]DAY • NOVEMBER 1990
308TH DAY • 57 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. package from "franjos": copy of BLACK BOX and HYLE - both by Eric Solomon (HYLE was VIS À VIS (S&R) in US. & I am pretty sure ENTROPY in England)); letter from Franz-Joseph Herbst - his letter of 9/7, which I never rcd. (I am pretty sure) - CAN'T STOP - NETWORK.

Letter from "Ronald Allebach" of "Nuclear Armageddon". Plastic playing pcs. can now be bought for NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON (placed in "Misc. Letters" folder).

Letter from Michael Keller, of WORLD GAME REVIEW. Enclosed rules for ALL-CONNECT CHESS - as requested by John McCallion

Letter to Franz-Josef Herbst: his letter of 9/7; thanks for BLACK BOX & HYLE/ VIS-Ã-VIS; rules for ALADINS ERBE.

Letter from Warren Buell. Enclosed the following clippings:
"LOS ANGELES TIMES (8/4/89) - "The Summer's Hottest Board Games and How They Play" - by Beth Ann Krier: GOIN' HOLLYWOOD - by Michael Wiese; OUTBURST, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, PICTIONARY, BIBLE OUTBURST, Brian Hersc Scott Marley, GAMES mag.; TRUMP: THE GAME, Phil Orbanes, MONOPOLY, Me; BATMAN (University Games); MODEL RETAILER, ADVERTEASING, ADVERTEASING, Richard Levy; Chris Haney, TRIVIAL PURSUIT GENDER BEND ENCORE; PICTIONARY, Bob Angel, WIN, LOSE OR DRAW, PLAY WITH CLAY, BIBLE PICTIONARY, PARTY PICTIONARY, TRAVEL PICTIONARY, CHARADO; ABALONE, ZOMAX, Gary Bellinger, Michel Lalet; LOUDMOUTH - me.
LOS ANGELES TIMES (6/4/89) - "Over board Over Games" - by Beth Ann Krier PICTIONARY, OUTBURST, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, MONOPOLY; Angelo Longo; TOY & HOBBY WORLD; Chris Haney. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (12/19/8 "For that Novice Investor on Your List Who's Tough to Shop For" - COMEX; THE GA NEO (NYMEX ENERGY OPTIONS), THE AMERICAN INVESTOR; MILLIONAIRE (& BARON & TYCOON (Britannica Software); WALL STREET RAIDER, BEAT THE STREET, FINANCIAL TIME MACHINE, SPECULATOR, ~~TRADING SIM~~ TRADING SIMULATOR, WIZARD OF WALL STREET. 'NEW YORK TIMES (4/15/ Picture of a CHECKER board called a BACKGAMMON board.

Rcd. form letter from "A.H." asking for my "I.D." no.

Rcd. NOV. PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following: Brian Hersch article on "Adult game category deserves more respect" - note mentions his OUTBURST and 3 new games to be done by "MB, P, and Western Pub."; Ad for TOY FAIR; pcs. on BIG APPLEOPOLY (EDMS) - card*, THE SIMPSONS MYSTERY OF LIFE GAME (Cardinal) - card*, BACK-FLIP (Binary Arts), SKATE OR DIE 2 & ZANY GOLF (Electronic Arts), THE UNEXPLAINED (John N Hansen Co.), HOT ROCKS (New World Toys), SCRE-E-ECH (Brainy Toys) - card*, ASAP (University Games), FAMILY (TDC), ROLL-A-GOAL (Neverbored Games) - card*, ROCKSTAR: THE BOARD GAME (Gig Enterprises) - card*, NEMESIS (Fidelity Electronics) - computer GO game by Bruce Wilcox.

After noticing the copy of ALADDINS ERBE that I ~~red.~~ on 9/12, wrote Franz-Josef Herbst to tell him abt. it - but that I still couldn't find his letter of 9/7.

Rcd. check for $1,750 from "A.H." - half of the advance from "Fx Schmid" for VENTURE. Note on sheet - "Call Monarch"; called Phyllis Opolko, and it was just printed on the sheet. Filled out the form from "A.H." of 11/10 w. my "I.D." no. sent it to (.43) Phyllis Opolko, asking her to get it to its proper home. Asked her abt. copy of the contract and copies of VENTURE. Called Felicia and she was pleased w. the news. I'm to send her $262.50.

Call from George Gasparovic (who was told by a store owner that I lived in the Bronx & got my no. thru info). He is a H.S. teacher in Pittsburgh (I believe) and has a game club there. He was interested in getting copies of various 3M games: MONAD - told him abt. DIE 1, MILLION & gave him tel. no. for HEXAGAMES; SUM UP, OCTRIX, TRYCE, EVADE, BID & BLUFF - gave him tel. no. for Mathias Stobbe at DAS SPIEL, but told him they would be expensive - also suggested AGCA which he is familiar with. I mentioned VENTURE, and he got 10 of them at $1 each. He has Aggis and has made wooden models of many of the games. He corresponds a lot w. Herb Levy a lot; told him that I am pretty sure Herb mentioned him.

During visit to "Dr. Salamon" gave him copy of BEYOND TIC TAC TOE.

At center BB bought copy of WFF (SOH). (Pretty sure it is a dupl.)

To Chem. to deposit "A.H." check. Sent check for $262.50 to Felicia, w. short note.

Call from Anne Soucie - to ask abt. my visit to doctor last night.

Rcd. folder from "Pelham Bay Toy Discount Center." Kept pages w. the following "Video" games. "Game Boy": GOLF, ALLEYWAY, SOLAR STRIKER, BASEBALL, SUPER MARIO LAND (Nintendo); AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (LJN); GODZILLA (Toho); BATMAN (Sunsoft); FINAL FANTASY LEGEND (Square); MR. CHIN'S (Romstar); KWIRK, FORTRESS OF FEAR (Acclaim); FOOTBALL, CASTLEVANIA ADVENTURE, BAD 'N RAD (Konami); FIST OF THE NORTH STAR (Electro Brain); BOXXLE (FCI); MOTOCROSS MANIACS, NINJA TURTLES, QUARTH (Ultra); REVENGE OF THE GATOR, SHANGHAI (HAI). "Nintendo Entertainment System": SUPER MARIO 3, TETRIS (Nintendo); NARC, TOTAL RECALL, DOUBLE DRAGON, ARCH RIVALS, SWORDS AND SERPENTS (Acclaim); INDIANA JONES LAST CRUSADE, DUNGEON MAGIC (Taito), BATMAN (Sunsoft); THE MAFAT CONSPIRACY (Vic Tokai); ROLLER GAMES, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, NINJA TURTLES (Ultra); WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING (FCI); DICK TRACY (Bandai); PUSS 'N BOOTS (Electro Brain); SUPER C, DRACULA'S CURSE, BLADES OF STEEL, NASCAR CHALLENGE (Konami); BASES LOADED, ASTYANAX, MANIAC MANSION (Jaleco); CHAMPIONSHIP BOWLING [redacted], THUNDER & LIGHTNING (Romstar); RAD RACER II (Square); BEETLEJUICE, A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET, PICTIONARY, BACK TO THE FUTURE II & III (LJN); VEGAS DREAM (HAI); MEGA MAN, MEGA MAN 2, MEGA MAN 3, STREET FIGHTER 2010, LITTLE NEMO DREAM MASTER (Capcom). "Hand Held Games": RAMBO, WRESTLEMANIA, AIRWOLF (Acclaim); NINJA TURTLES, TURTLES II SPLINTER SPEAKES, NFL FOOTBALL (Konami). "NEC" - BLOODY WOLF, BONKS ADVENTURE, DOUBLE DUNGEONS, SPLATTER HOUSE, LEGENDARY AXE, TV SPORTS FOOTBALL, NEUTOPIA. "Sega" - GOLDEN AXE, KNOCKOUT BOXING, COLUMNS, PAT RILEY BASEBALL, MICHAEL JACKSON'S MOONWALKER, PSYCHO FOX, DEAD ANGLE, ALEX KIDD IN SHINOBI WORLD.

m "Mayfair Games" rcd. THE NEW TITANS SOURCEBOOK – to
e used w. DC HEROES ROLL PLAYING GAME. (Form letter & sheet w.
ther matl. left in the book.)

l from Bob Abbott – just for Martin Gardner's wife's name – "Charlotte".

Rcd. answer from "Periodica Inc." abt. not getting JES. Send back form if don't receive any in 6 or 7 wks!!

Call from Felicia that she rcd. my check.

W. DB to bazaar in church school in Hartsdale. ~~Bought~~ dupl. copies of TRI-OMINOS (Pressman) & KENSINGTON (Whale Toys/ Samuel Ward Co.) (25¢ each); THE WORD GAME WINNING DICTIONARY (10¢, I think) dupl.

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Rcd. letter (addressed w. PLAYTHINGS sticker) from "H.G. Jacoby, Inc." ARBITRAGE is being closed out, to be replaced by TAKEOVER. 3 copies of the former are available for $20. (See '88 for playing ARBITRAGE @ the Levys.) (Placed in '90 misc.)

While waiting for flu shots played GIN RUMMY w. BB. At home looked at ALOG for other 2 hand card games. We'll have to try OSMOSIS & PATTERNS. "

From "WARGAMES WEST" rcd. "1990 Holiday Catalog" - 120 pages. Mainly war & role-playing, but some others. (In '90 misc. folder.)

Gk. SPIELBOX (Heft 5, Okt/Nov '90). Ad for STARQUEST (MB). Picture of Roland Siegers playing LANCELOT. "Parker-Neuheiten" - AMNESIA, TEMPO. Ad by "Ravensburger" for CASH. "Spiele bucher" - DIE 7. SEITE DES WÜRFELS (Hugendubel). Ad by "Herder" for TABAIJANA by Wolfgang Kramer. Article on the development of TANZSPIEL by "Schmidt Spiele." "Smidt Spiele catalog (mounted): REISE DURCH DEUTSCHLAND, WAS IST WAS, LUFTSCHLÖSSER, WER SCHAFFT'S ZUERST, KÄSESCHIEBEN, 1000 KM, FARBEN YATZY, WORT SCHANGE, HEISSE OHREN, & others. "Test": DRACHENHORT (Schmidt Spiele) - by Dan Glimme & "Jacob Benz"; CASANOVA (F.X. Schmid); CASH (Ravensburger) - by W. Kramer & "J. Grunay" - review & comparison to BAZAAR by Uwe Petersen; HOTEL LIFE (Schweizer Hotelier-Verein); SCHATZINSEL (Jumbo) - by Alex Randolph. Ads: STRATEGO: THE COMPUTER GAME (Accolade); "Franckh-Spiele-Galerie" - HEUCHEL & MEUCHEL by Rud. Hoffman, TERRA TURRIUM by Wolfgang Kramer, ARBORA, AYANU, CORDA, CUBUS, DAS SPIEL, DELFINO, DIE DREI ???, FORUM ROMANUM, JANUS, MARITIM, MÜLLER & SOHN, OMBAGI, RANINA, RONDA MAGICA, DIE QUEEN'S PARK AFFAIRE, TATORT LONDON, WABANTI, WHITE LADY; WERNER VOLLE SOCKE (ASS); HECHT IM KARPFENTEICH (Sbv) - book; MATHEMATISCHE PUZZLES (Hugendubel) - by Hubert Phillips; "noris" - DIE SIEBEN WELTWUNDER, DAS VERRÜCKTE LEXIKONSPIELE, CHARADE, WER WARS?. "Die Evolution des Känguruhs": KÄNGURUH (Ravensburger); GENERALOWSKY (IT), From PUSHOVER (P.). Another DENK MAL puzzle from "F.X. Schmid." "Karten Neu Gemischt": GEHEIME MISSION (Piatnik) - by Gerhard Kodys, DIE MAGISCHE 7 (Piatnik), WER HAT MEHR (Piatnik), BEUTEZUG (Amigo), GOLDRAUSCH (Hans-im-Glück). Article on DAS GEISTER-SCHLOSS (FX Schmid). "Spiel im Heft" - TRIAD by S.S. - written up by Uwe Petersen. A LANCELOT puzzle, by Roland Siegers - w. quick rules. Article on SCHWARZE PETER cards. "Es gibt kaum Spiel auf Hawaii": SLEUTH, EVADE -- im Sackson-land (??); THE WHALE GAME (wildlife games), BILLIONAIRE (Crown & Andrews), HI-SPY (New Line), ARKANSAS BLUFF (P.), VANTAGE (International Games), GO FOR THE GOLD (U.S. Playing Card Co.), THUNDER (Ka-Ray). Article on "Jumbo ist heiss" w. mentions of RUMMIKUB, TARGUI, MASTER MIND, SCRABBLE, STRATEGO. "Spiel im Heft" - VECTOR. Article on STRATEGO (Accolade), "Spielwiese": BUUREJAHR, WER WAR'S, DUETT, STERNEFÜFI, WEG DAMIT!, BESETZT, MOMENT MAL. Article on ROULETTE - Spielsystem, "besser spielen" on ADEL VERPFLICHTET. Column on EARROM. Ad for MONEY & PLIMUS (Sala). Ad for ASTROTIME (Ravensburger) - given as a bonus to subscribers. Back cover ad for MONOPOLY. Loose catalog for "Haba" - puzzles & children's games; (In the mag.).

Dale, Phil & kids here. Gave Stephanie MALL MADNESS. Gave Brian NERF INDOOR GOLF (of 8/13/87); also THIN ICE (of 5/25/90) but he may want to trade it back for another game. THIN ICE (Pressman) is simply putting a paper tissue into a raised hoop; then marbles are lifted from a water filled channel & placed on the tissue; a tweezer is used to lift the marbles and then is passed to the next player; when a marble drops the player w. the tweezer gets a letter; getting "I-C-E" eliminates the player.

Letter from Roland Siegers that he rcd. MAVERICK COUNTRY. Test period will be abt. 6 to 8 months.

XMas catalog from "Hammacher Schlemmer." Clipped: MONOPOLY - COMMEMORATIVE EDITION; INTERACTIVE TALKING CHESS GAME; SOFT-TIP ELECTRONIC DARTBOARD; ELECTRONIC FOURTH BRIDGE PLAYER; ELECTRONIC WORLD GEOGRAPHY GAME; THE ELECTRONIC HOME CASINO, ELECTRONIC ARCADE ICE HOCKEY GAME; ELECTRONIC ARCADE SOCCER GAME.

Called Jerry Hunter (see 11/21). Told him that I didn't mind his giving my number to legitimate people. Told him I had a copy of RISK w. wooden pcs. I asked, and he thought that $40 would be abt. right - altho he handles war games. He'll have the guy call me, Checked, and their time is same as ours.

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329TH DAY • 36 DAYS TO COME

Rcd. "Sky" package from David Binnie, w. 2 "P.-France" games:
GAGES A GOGO (ad sheet for AMNESIA in box); VENGEANCE-A-CHICAGO
(ad sheet for LA VENTE AUX ENCHERS, LONG COURS, & PARCOTEMPO in box).
Letter from David: VENGEANCE-A-CHICAGO their "wish list brief";
he & Alison Kellet @ Essen; Derek Carver - NEW WORLDS, SHOWBIZ -
WIN PLACE & SHOW, AVE CAESAR - Eamon Bloomfield - visit next month

Rec'd. check for $135.87 from "BankAmerica International" ~~"Org/Huss~~ Verlag GmbH." This is for TRIAD in SPIELBOX (see 11/21).

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR DIARY FOR 1978?
SEE NUMBER IN FRONT OF BOOK.

From "Mayfair" wd. "Priority Mail" package w. IN HOT PURSUIT & JUSTICE LEAGUE SOURCEBOOK - covering letter from "Deborah A. Pawley."

From "Mayfair" rcd. CHILL! THE ACCESSORY PACK, including a scenario - ISLE OF THE DEAD. Covering letter from "D. Powley".

it from the Corns & bringing another video tape w. "Victor Borge" & movies). On the way here [redacted] Ronnie bought a video collection of SOLITAIRE games called HOYLE BOOK OF GAMES, VOLUME 2: SOLITAIRE; Ronnie & I walked to copy shop & I reprod all the games ($1.84). Ronnie also brought me reprds of the rules for THE POLLINATION GAME & PREDATOR - THE FOOD CHAIN GAME (Ampersand Press); also a cartoon on "Parker Bros. Game Co." from PARADE MAGAZINE (Periodical). The 4 of us played EXPLORE & DISCOVER, but didn't finish it; it wasn't bad. Played CONNEXION, which Audrey really likes. Next date set for 1/19/91 (and we'll see them at Jordan's wedding on 1/5/91).

remembered that there was a letter in the copy of TREASURE QUEST that I sold to Ludger Michel yesterday. Called Herb Levy and he'll tell Ludger abt. it when they talk abt. getting together. Told him abt. call from Jennifer Grayson; he has a dupl. copy of LANDSLIDE (P.) that he'll sell for abt. $20.

W. BB to sale at Reiss Park synagoge. Saw air & space encyclopedia for $10; called Dave Horn - thanked me but had seen it and didn't want it. I bought 5 cards of 8 buttons - small & each card a diff. color (25¢ - I think).

Thinking abt. EXPLORE & DISCOVER (but can't remember details).

Found dupl. copy of LANDSLIDE in basement.

Call from Robin King. The Mensa game testing program will be on 12/5.

W. Dana moved a lot of his stuff into kitchen, and he took some. Made room for 3 shelves.

Called Matt Mariani (twice). It is O.K. to change our date for CONNEXION from Weds. to Thurs. Told him I'd give him a copy of Acts, which pleased him.
Called Rene Jones. Thurs. O.K. w. her.
Call to ✝ from Dan Ferrone (but can't remember details).
Call from Felicia. Bob Zimmerli has left "A.H." to join the "Beckers".

From Christian Beiersdorf of "F.X. Schmid" rcd. set of cards for their version of VENTURE, which they call DIE BOSSE; also the art work for the card backs & the box; and a covering letter.

Called Mel Bush in connection w. our working on the "Keough" mat'l. to send to "Dollar."

Call from Jennifer Grayson. Gave her Herb Levy's no. to call for a copy of LANDSLIDE (P.). She was thrilled. (See 11/30.)

(Cont. from 12/5) [12/6]

Thru PLAYTHINGS received a catalog from "Elusive Dream Marketing Services" on their CITYOPOLY. It is MONOPOLY using businesses in various cities. The board for BIG APPLEOPOLY is shown. (Placed this w. catalogs from TOY FAIR, etc.)

Call from Anne Soucie to tell me abt. ad for RED LETTER; told her it was by "Games Gang" & not mine. Made date for 12/21. She mentioned that she is see Robin & John tomorrow; told her I was seeing them ~~Sunday~~ Saturday.

Called Robin. Told her abt. "Mensa game testing" program. Arranged our date Saturday

Call from Lew Herndon. He is not interested in POTA and game. He might be interested in BANANA BLITZ for '92. He asked abt. returning the rules I sent him; suggested that he send me xeroxes & keep the original.
Found that I have a dupl. copy of EMPIRE MANIA.

Watched - & taped - the pc. on the "Mensa game testing" on "Preview-Ch 4." The only name mentioned was Dr. Scot Morris. There were only glimpses of Robin King. The 3 games mentioned as winners were TRIBOND, ~~CREATURE CROSS~~ CLEVER ENDEAVOR, & INTUITION.

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my suggestion - Dutch. Then to "Coliseum Books" to look at INSIDE SANTA'S WORKSHOP which I told him abt.; he bought the one copy there; back to office & he reproed parts for me - I am called the "Queen of Games." At "Coliseum" looked at PENTAGAMES: 163 CLASSIC GAMES (Fireside Books) - didn't seem to have anything of much interest to me. Earlier the gal in office mentioned 6-hand ABILONE on the phone; asked Matt and he gave me rules for 4-hand & 6-hand; also 9 marbles each in red, green, blue, and yellow; they can be ordered at $9.00 for 14 of a color. At bookstore I mentioned BEYOND TIC TAC TOE & I'll bring him one next time we get together.
Rules for QUADROMANIA (Red Dragon Games). There are 16 pcs. - 4 shapes ★ ● ▲ ■ in 4 colors. 2 play, taking turns placing any pc. on any space of a 4x4 board. One scores for "shape" and the other for "color": Quad of diff. elements - 2 pts.; Row (not including diagonal) of diff. elements - 3 pts.; Row of same element - 5 pts.; Quad of same element - 10 pts.
Rules for COLORS (Dal Negro). The board has hollows in a 7x7 quad. There are pcs. in 7 colors, 7 of each. These are randomly shaken into place. 2 play. On a turn a connected line of 1 to 4 pcs. (including diagonally) are taken. In each color the player w. 0-2-4-6 pcs. scores 1 pt.

Got call from Michael Gray. Thanks for the package, "MB" would be interested in a "Lottery Game." My WINNING TICKET, THE w. more E-V in it might be it.

Talk w. Matt Mariani JES came up. He doesn't think there has been anything past No. 8 of the "Nouvelle Formule." He gave me a very elaborate "Notebook 91."

Letter from Franz-Josef Herbst: BLACK BOX, HYLE; NETWORK. Copy of his letter of 9/7, which I never rcd.: 2 copies of CAN'T STOP contract; English translation prepared for Eric Solomon; CAN'T STOP variations, FAIRPLAY; NETWORK; looking for games like ABALONE, FOCUS, LOA, for more than 2 players; ALADDINS ERBE.

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6 THURSDAY • DECEMBER 1990

340TH DAY • 25 DAYS TO COME

To "Rowland" for meeting w. Rene Jones. Gave her issue of GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT w. my TETRIS rules. Asked, & she gave me copy of THE SIMPSONS - DON'T HAVE A COW - DICE GAME - for my grandchildren.

To "Abalone". While waiting for Matthew Mariani looked at the following games: CHASE (Piatnik); MALAWI (Piatnik); VELENO (Tutti Giochi Dal Negro) - by Alex Randolph; TEMPÊTE SUR L'ÉCHIQUIER (Ludodélire); TRINÔME (Jocus S.A.); OMBAGI (Perlhuhn/Franckh) - by Reinhold Wittig; PYRAMID POWER (Masudaya); CONNECTIONS (Connections International Ltd. - New Zealand); QUADROMANIA (Red Dragon Games - U.K.); COLORS (Dal Negro); several other GAMES there that I didn't get to look at. → Matt Mariani came in. We played CONNEXION; he liked it a lot, but it is a question of how they can publicize it; in any case nothing can be done until Jan Travers gets back from France for TOY FAIR, so I took back the copy. He showed me FUN & GAMES (Vol. 1 - No II/ Sept.-Oct. '90); it is a bi-monthly newsletter abt. the size of a tabloid newspaper; it is similar to PLAYTHINGS in coverage, but is mainly on games; order from "The Gift Trade Society" - 728 Earp St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 - 1 yr. $22, 2 yrs. $40. → He gave me copy of MODEL RETAILER (Oct. '90) - from which I clipped the following pages: Ad by "A.H." for SHOWBIZ, NAPOLEON'S BATTLES - Expansion module, ELDARAD: THE LOST CITY, CODE OF BUSHIDO, REPUBLIC OF ROME, NEW WORLD, THIRD FLEET, WRASSLIN', CARRIER; Ad by "Mayfair" for EURORAILS; Ad by "Terrain Maker" for DUNGEONS; "What's Selling"; "Game Products" - TWILIGHT: 2000 (GDW) - JUSTICE LEAGUE SOURCEBOOK & COME ON DOWN! (Mayfair) - SILENT DEATH (ICE Inc.) - PENDRAGON & KNIGHTS ADVENTUROUS (Chaosium Inc.) - FAMILY & REMINISCING (TDC Games) - BULLETS & BLUEGRASS for THE MORROW PROJECT (Timeline Ltd.) - ALFRED HITCHCOCK (John Hansen Co.) - SAKI & SOCK! (Cabin Fever Games) - ANYONE CAN PAR (Anyone Can Par Inc.) - CLUBHOUSE BASEBALL (Clubhouse Games) - WITCHES book (Mayfair) - RED EMPIRE (GDW) - STRIKE ACES (Accolade) - THE IN GAME (Meant To Be Ltd.) - THE GAME OF RELATIONSHIPS (The Games People Play). He showed me a copy of MODEL RETAILER where ABALONE was listed many times in "What's Selling." He told me abt. a deal they made w. "Galoob" to sell ABALONE to the mass market, & gave me a press release abt. it. They are interested in a book on ABALONE strategy; I suggested Wayne Schmittberger, who did a pc. for them already. He was concerned that on "Preview" yesterday ABALONE was not mentioned as a winner, altho he had been told it was; told him I'd check on it. Asked if I could make repros of rules, etc. for the games I looked at; he has to get permission from Jan Travers, since they have been licensed to sell the games in the U.S. Since I already have a copy of MALAWI he gave me a dupl. of the English rules; he doesn't understand the game; told him I could explain it next time we get together. Gave him a copy of the "Castle" AGDG and he was quite interested in it; he noticed Martin Gardner's plug and wondered if Martin would Martin would be interested in ABALONE; told him that I could call Martin next time I come there. The 2 of us for pizza at

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Wed. "Fed Exp." package w. pcs. for THE BOOK OF CLASSIC ~~BOARD~~ GAMES. Message from MaryEllen Podgorski. (Pcs. came in an attractive plastic container which I kept separate.) (One black pc. is broken.)

Wed. "Priority Mail" package from "Big Fun A GoGo, Inc." w. TRIBOND & folder w. info on "Mensa" test: DR. Scot Morris, OMNI magazine; TABOO (MB), TRIBOND, ABALONE, SCATTERGORIES, TRIVIAL PURSUIT-Genius Edition.

8 SATUR~~THURS~~DAY • DECEMBER 1990

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION • 342ND DAY • 23 DAYS TO COME

Call from Carol Monica. A customer of hers, Richard Goldbaum, is in NYC & would like to see my collection; is it O.K. to give him my no. - sure. Call from Goldbaum; he'll come tomorrow w. his wife.

Called Claude. His message yesterday was to say that he enjoyed playing CAN'T STOP w. Robin & John Fri. Set date for [redacted] 12/21.

Called Herb Levy. Asked, & it is O.K. if I don't have my reviews ready by 12/15-[redacted]. He mentioned 3-2-1 BLAST-OFF! (Backos Games).

Put together 2nd shelf upstairs.

Dana here after visiting Dale & Phil. Brought 2 clippings from THE RECORD. "Board-game players proceed to adulthood": TABOO (MB); CLAIM TO FAME (P.); "Games Gang"- PICTIONARY, GENDER BENDER, VERBOSITI, BALDERDASH, CLEVER ENDEAVOR, SNIGLETS; FLIMFLAM (Global Games); AMERICA'S FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS GAME (P.); [redacted] MARRIED WITH CHILDREN (Lewis Galoob Toys). "New war games are like CHESS w. stealth aircraft": GULF STRIKE / DESERT SHIELD (Victory Games), Mark Herman; ARABIAN NIGHTMARE; THE KUWAIT WAR, S&T James Dunnigan; BUTCHER OF BAGHDAD, Ty Bomba, IRON CROSS '92.

Visit from Richard Goldbaum and his wife Leslie. He was impressed w. the collection. He has an old "MB" game, PLUNDER, which I couldn't find any info on. He went to "Essen" this yr. w. a bunch of games which he sold at someone's stand, & made enough money to pay for his trip & to bring back a bunch of German games. One, by "A.S." (?), is by Alan Moon & is called AIRLINE; it uses cards similar to VENTURE for money, and the lines are taken over similar to ACQUIRE; he knows Moon & will get a copy from him. He has invented a game which he tentatively calls TRADERS FOR THE LAUNCHED ARK; Darwin Bromley of "Mayfair" is considering putting it out. Showed him CHAIN REACTION using the wooden box set; he took the set & suggested WIZ WAR (which Leslie loves) as a trade; I'm to call him to let him know. Later found I got repros of the rules on 8/13/86.

Richard Goldbaum
29 Crescent Ave.
Malden, MA 02148
(617) 322-1793

Rcd. INSIDE SANTA'S WORKSHOP, w. another Toni Zipper sheet.

Rcd. "thank you" card from Jennifer Grayson - for LANDSLIDE [redacted] info.

Rcd. card from Phil Orbanes & family, starting his own R & D firm.

Rcd. card from Colleen & David Smith. TRAX by "Bandai" in Japan; his BODY PARTY / SHAKE A LEG in N.Z. in '91, in U.S. in '92. Mentions Jim Winslow.

Put together 3rd shelf.

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Card & letter to Eamon Bloomfield. GAMES gone, writing for GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; CHAIN REACTION at Essen; asked for MILITARY AFFAIRS CHESS rules.

Card to Christian Beiersdorf, w. thanks for candy and DIE BOSSE proofs.

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA [redacted] (#322). Pc. on Elaine & David Pritchard at Nostvention. "Special SUPER CHESS postal tournament" - Ed Ginsberg, pres. of the co. - copies for $5.00. "Book Review" of HOW COMPUTERS PLAY CHESS. Ad for INSIDE CHESS - a CHESS mag. Phil Cohen: David Pritchard, GAMES & PUZZLES; Rules for partnership LOA, Claude Soucie, John-Robin King; Rules for TRIPLETS CHESS; Brief rules for ALICE CHESS, COMPROMISE CHESS, HIGHCASTLE CHESS, EXTINCTION CHESS, SCOTTISH MODERN, 567-LETTER SECRET WORD.

Rcd. package from "Ravensburger" w. "large folding village." Also card signed by Antonie Margenus (and some others I couldn't make out). She hopes to see me in New York soon.

Card from Mel Bush. No message. [illegible] at TOY FAIR.
Card from Rollie Tesh & Tom Braunlich. Looking forward to seeing us

Started letter to Franz-Joseph Herbst.

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Rcd. SUPER CHESS (Super Chess Inc.)
Rcd. card & [redacted] box of candy from Christian Beiersdorf.

Sent check for $5.00 to NOST for copy of SUPER CHESS, w. a note

Letter to Franz-Josef Herbst; CAN'T STOP contract; BLACK BOX, HYLE, ALADDIN'S ERBE; sending rules of my GAMES.

Letter to Antonie Murganus. Thanks for "village"; seeing her soon. Card for "all the wonderful people at Ravensburger".

Card from Phyl & Hal Saperstein. Will call us soon.

Card from Paul Greenough. Separate letter: Nostvention, David Pritchard, Robin & John.

Call from Matt Mariani. The head of FUN & GAMES called to tell Matt to stop bad-monthing him (!!?); Matt wondered if I had heard from him - no. Asked, & he didn't have a chance to ask Jon Travers a lot, giving me permission to make repros (see 12/6).

BB called Robin abt. a book. Then I spoke to Robin & John a lot. SUPER CHESS, which they rec'd. & like.

On TV saw ad for COMMOTION (co.?) where players write lists (of what?) on wipe-off slates which are passed around from player to player.

~~Cards from Degrave & Ferdinand de Cassan, Eamon Bloomfield, & Olga Sabich - no messages.~~

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TOP OPER FLOP, BOGGLE, GOLDFIEBER, OHNE MOOS NIX LOS, GLÜCKSRAD, MÖNSTER MIX, PARKPLATZ-PANK, DAS MAD SPIEL, MAD KARTENSPIEL, LEG' DAS ROHR, WAS KOSTET DIE WELT?, SUPERGRIAS, RISIKO, DIPLOMACY, OUTBURST!, AMNESIA, TRIVIAL PURSUIT.

Rcd. card from Chris Campbell - no message.

From "Hasbro/ME" rcd. invite to "Inventor's Night" on 2/19/91. R.S.V.P. req'd.

Cards from Dagmar & Ferdinand de Cassan, Eamon Bloomfield, & Olga Sokich -- no messages.

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Card/letter to Dagmar & Ferdinand De Cassan. CAN'T STOP (Franjos); VENTURE / DIE BOSSE (FX Schmid). JATI; PATTON, MACARTHUR, HIGH SPIRITS.

BB sent cards to Felicia, Corns, Mel Bush, Saperstein's, Olga Sokich.

Rcd. SPIELBOX (Heft 6, Dez/Jan.'91). Ad for MAUS REISS AUS (MB). "Spielehit-Parade": DAS VERRÜCKTE LABYRINTH, ADEL VERPFLICHTET, [redacted] GLÜCKSRAD, CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL, THERAPY, HOTEL, HEXENTANZ, JENGA, HERO QUEST, LIFESTYLE. Ad by "Ravensburger" for KARAWANE. Article on development of TANZSPIEL by "Schmidt Spiel". Ad by "Hugendubel" for SPRACH-SCHATZ. Schmidt Spiele" catalog on their "Fantasie." "Test": FLUSSPIRATEN (Spielewerkstatt Müller); ASTROTIME (Ravensburger); BLACK BOX (Franjos-Spiele)-by Eric Solomon; AHA! (F.X. Schmid); TEMPO (P.)-by Charles Phillips; TERRA TURRIUM (Franckh-Kosmos)-by Wolfgang Kramer (previously BURGENLAND by "ABRA"); COLORS (Dal Negro/Unicorn). Ads: TARGUI (Jumbo); TABAIJANA-FLUCHT VON DER FEUERINSEL & LICHT UND SCHATTEN (Herder Spiele); INDIANA JONES (ASS); DINO (Hexa-games-by Reinhold Wittig. Article on BRIDGE books. SPIELER-FEST ESSEN: DIE GOLDENE EINS (?)-by Wolfgang Kramer; STARQUEST (MB), ASTROTIME, DER PREIS IST HEISS (Jumbo), INDIANA JONES; "Deutsche Spielepreise"-[redacted] ADEL [redacted] VERPFLICHTET, A LA CARTE, EINE SOLCHES DING - Knut Michael Wolf - DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE - Ferdinand de Cassam, Reinhold Wittig; FLUSSPIRATEN; BLACK BOX & HYLE (Franjos)-by Eric Solomon; TYRANNO EX; 1829, 1830, Bernd Brunnhofer, Francis Tresham, 1835 w. picture; TOURISTEN-NEPP; CARROCCIA, COLUMNA; MONARCH, AMPHORAE-w. picture; CHEROL!-w. picture; DIE REISE INS LICHT (CBD-Team), TAROT-MYSTERIENSPIEL (Avalon VLG), POSITION; BRAINSTORM; CHAMÄLEON (VSK-Verlag) w. picture; AIRLINES (Abacus-Spielen)-by Alan Moon; DUFTSPUREN w. picture, LES PARFUMEURS, FRAGRANCE; KATZENJAMMER [redacted] w. picture, TROPHY-CUP; CORDOBA, PLAY GRIMM; LOVE AFFAIRS; FIEBER, QUARRÉE, LORDS OF ALBAN, FREIBEUTER, "Spiel im Heft"-PER PATE. Article on Klaus Teuber: ADEL VERPFLICHTET, ALMRALLEY, [redacted] A'LPLER-STAFFETTE, ASTERIX UND DIE RÖMER, AUSSTELLUNG IN NEW YORK, RÄTSELMEISTER, ALPLER-STAFFETTE, BARBAROSSA, VERNISSAGE. "Neues aus dem Ausland": ASTERIX-THE BOARD GAME (Spear); BOOM TOWN (Livingstone Games); CLOAK AND DAGGER (?). Article by Erwin Glonegger on REISE DURCH MITTELEUROPA, DEUTSCHLANDREISE, RHEINREISE, & other travel games. "Ein Abend mit FX Schmid"-KEEP SMILING!, PATERNOSTER, HÄC MÄC [redacted] By Uwe Petersen - column on CARROM. Schönsten Kinderspiele dieses Jahres": KÜKEN SUCHEN, ZWERGEN-RENNEN, JAMES WATT. Article on RAILROAD TYCOON (Microprose). "Spielwiese": HOTU MATUA (Edition Perlhuhn), AMNESIA (P.), DSCHUMANJI (Ravensburger), KOMM MIT! (Triangel-Team). Ads: "Herder Spiele"-TABAIJANA-by Wolfgang Kramer, AMNESIA (P.). Loose "P." catalog: MONOPOLY, COSA NOSTRA, TEMPO,

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Rcd. Dec. PLAYTHINGS & clipped the following: Ad for TOY FAIR; Pc. on GENERATIONS & GENERATIONS ED (Genealogy for Fun); Pc. on ISHIDO (Accolade); Pc. on JEOPARDY event at the "Game Show" store in NYC; Article on "best sellers - "Video games still sizzling" w. picture of SUPER MARIO BROS. 3 - "Board games battle back" w. picture of SCATTERGORIES & mentions of TRIVIAL PURSUIT, PICTORY, CLUE, LIFE, LIFE, SCRABBLE, MONOPOLY, & others; Article on "Puzzles give retailers stability to bank on" - mainly jigsaws, but also pictures of JUMPING FROGS AND LILY PADS (Venture), THE PUZZLER (Go Images), & AMAZERS (E.F.S. Marketing Assoc.) - mention of RUBIK'S CUBE - also picture of RADICAL BLOX (The Rockland Group) .. card*; Pc. on LET'S PLAY BALL/BASEBALL GAME PLAYED WITH CARDS (Bob Louis Game Co.) .. card*.

Card from George Propson of "Western Publ. Co. Card from George Yonekowa of "SYU Creation Co., Ltd." No messages on these. Card from the Zorns w. short message & town, w. apologie from P.O.

From today's THE WALL STREET JOURNAL clipped article on "War Game Makers Mobilize to Play Crisis in the Gulf": DESERT SHIELD exp. of GULF STRIKE (Victory Games) - by Mark Herman; S&T mag., Jim Dunnigan, ARABIAN NIGHTMARE: THE KUWAIT WAR; BUTCHER OF BAGDAD (XTR Corp); Card Monica.

Call from Dale. Spoke to Brian; he wants to trade THIN ICE - which is a bore - for TETRIS; told him I'd bring it for him to see. Dale told him I was bringing THE SIMPSONS - DON'T HAVE A CAN-DICE GAME.

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Card & letter from David Watts, Essen; STOCKBRIDGE being considered by "Kosmos." He is bringing out CHAFTS, CHESSINGTON, & STOCKBRIDGE, WINCHESTER - Alex Randolph. Possibly doing combination of my FOCUS & CHAIN REACTION. MINDGAMES in London. My writing for GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; GAMES REVIEW disappeared; GAMES INTERNATIONAL has become STRATEGY PLUS; DIE PÖPPEL REVIEW. Walter Luc Haas - what happened to him?

Used white nail polish to put lines on CONNEXION pcs. Played a few games w. BB & it worked fine.

Message from Claude. Called & spoke abt. date Fri. Anne has article on CHUMP, a parody on "Trump" which she'll save for me.

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& others. Ad for "Games & Names" - David Galt.

ed. THE WORLD OF BUSINESS KIDS/AMERICA'S FUTURE [redacted] (Vol. 2, No. 3). Nothing on games, so discarded.
ard from Soli Kausil. "Mayfair" is licensing BRIDGETTE.

alled Rich Gold b[redacted]. Told him I'd like his dupl. copy of WIZ-WAR, and also repros of the expansion; he'll send them after the holidays. He is thinking of preparing a list of his games, to send me. Also his "partner" Jeff would love to see the collection; spoke abt. the 2 of them driving here w. games to trade sometime in March. TOY FAIR came up, and he didn't think there was much in the way of games; told him there was a lot, & suggested talking to Carol Monica abt. it & getting a card for admission if he wants to come.

isit from Lynn & Herb Levy. He brought me repro of rules for MAGE STONES (TSR) - actually complete info. Showed him the copy of INSIDE SANTA'S WORKSHOP and gave him the sheet w. Andi Zipper's no., to call for a review copy. I asked, & he got a card from Jennifer Grayson. The 4 of us played: MAGE STONES - twice, 1st w. 6 [redacted] stones ea., & then w. 8 stones ea.; 3-2-1 BLAST-OFF! (Backos Games) - [redacted] on a prototype - he is getting a fee for commenting on it (info on the game in Herb's file); ABALONE - not sure we played the movement of a mixed line correctly, but it is a good game; CONNEXION - twice. In return for THE PEOPLE'S COURT Herb took CARTEL (CGS) - the original of 11/11/89; I kept the [redacted] dupl. At sales today Herb got WINNING TICKET (75¢), SUMMIT, THE BOSS, THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN. Set next date on 12/28.

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alled Herb Levy & changed our date to 12/29. Spoke abt. my idea for 3-2-1 BLAST-OFF!; he asked, & of course he can use it.

all from George Gasparovic ((Schenley H.S., Centere Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburg, PA 15213)). He got a catalog from "Hexagames" but couldn't understand their prices; there were 2 prices for CHAIN REACTION; I asked and they were the same as for LOA; don't know what the problem was w. DIE 1. MILLION; I suggested that he write to or call Joe Nikisch, who he knows. If I have any spare MONADS he'd love to buy them.

"Dart" bazaar. At BB's suggestion bought 5 bottles of nail polish @ 3 for a dollar & one at 10¢ - to use as paint.

o Dale's. Gave Stephie the copy of SWEET VALLY HIGH GAME. Gave the 2 of them THE SIMPSONS - DON'T HAVE A COW - DICE GAME. Showed TETRIS to Brian & promised to get him a copy. At "Child World" saw quite a few out of print games, including HIGH HAND (MB). Phil gave me page from TREASURE CHEST newsletter (Dec. '90): article on "Boxed Board Games - 1950 to 1975" - SUPERMAN SPEED GAME (MB - $100), WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE (Lowell - $165), HAVE GUN WILL TRAVEL (P[redacted] - $60), BEN CASEY, M.D. (Transogram - $60), DRAGNET (Transogram - $45)

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SEPT.

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3 246	4 247	5 248	6 249	7 250	8 251	9 252	36
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24 267	25 268	26 269	27 270	28 271	29 272	30 273	39

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NOV.

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5 309	6 310	7 311	8 312	9 313	10 314	11 315	45
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DEC.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

In most States when the holiday falls on Sunday, the Monday following is observed.

MONDAY OBSERVANCE OF FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Public holidays in some states are observed as such only by common consent, or when appointed by the Governor, and not by legislative enactment.

On June 28, 1968 Federal Legislation was passed shifting three existing Federal Holidays — Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day — to Mondays, and makes Columbus Day a new Federal Monday Holiday, to be observed on the 2nd Monday in October. The Schedule for the other three; Washington's Birthday, 3rd Monday in February; Memorial Day, last Monday in May; Veterans Day, 4th Monday in October.

These Holiday changes apply to Federal Employees and the District of Columbia and go into effect on January 1, 1971 to give the states time to enact consistent legislation. States are expected to follow the Federal Government in this change in Holiday observance.

ALABAMA Jan. 1 and 21, Washington's Birthday, Mardi Gras, April 13 and 29, June 3, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

ALASKA Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, March 25, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Oct. 21, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

ARIZONA Jan. 1, Feb. 12, 14 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

ARKANSAS Jan. 1 and 19, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

CALIFORNIA Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Good Friday from noon to 3 p.m., Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Sept. 9, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

COLORADO Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Aug. 5, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

CONNECTICUT Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

DELAWARE Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Jan. 1, Inauguration Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

FLORIDA Jan. 1, 19 and Arbor Day, Washington's Birthday, April 26, Good Friday, Memorial Day, June 3, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

GEORGIA Jan. 1 and 19, Washington's Birthday, April 26, June 3, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

HAWAII Jan. 1 and 30, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, June 11, July 4, Labor Day, Regatta Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

IDAHO Jan. 1, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

ILLINOIS Jan. 1, Feb. 4 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

INDIANA Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

IOWA Jan. 1, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

KANSAS Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

KENTUCKY Jan. 1, 19 and 30, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, June 3, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

LOUISIANA Jan. 1, 8 and 19, Washington's Birthday, Mardi Gras in New Orleans, etc., Good Friday, Memorial Day, June 3, July 4, Aug. 30, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Nov. 1 and Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25 and Sat. p.m.

MAINE Jan. 1, Washington's Birthday, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

MARYLAND Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, March 25, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Sept. 12, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25, every Saturday p.m. in certain localities.

MASSACHUSETTS Jan. 1, Washington's Birthday, March 17 (local), Patriots Day, Memorial Day, June 17 (local), July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

Sun. DEC. 16 → 12/15, 12/14
Mon. DEC. 17 → 12/14
Tues. DEC. 18 → 12/13, 12/12
Weds. DEC. 19 → 12/11
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Fri. DEC. 28 →
Sat. DEC. 29 →

Sun. DEC. 30 →
Mon. DEC. 31 →

TEXAS Jan. 1 and 19, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

UTAH Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Arbor Day, Memorial Day, July 4 and 24, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

VERMONT Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Aug. 16, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

VIRGINIA Jan. 1 and 19, Washington's Birthday, April 13, Confederate Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

WASHINGTON Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

WEST VIRGINIA Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, June 20, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25, every Sat. p.m.

WISCONSIN Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25.

WYOMING Jan. 1, Feb. 12 and Washington's Birthday, Arbor Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Dec. 10, Dec. 25.