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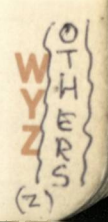

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Rcd. SUE FOR A MILLION (Laurad Games, Inc.) - by Gary Sherbell.

Rcd. Jan. '87 GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY. Ruth Rouf berg writes on "What Makes a Good Game" - but no games specifically mentioned.

Because of snow called Herb Levy. After several calls back & forth changed date tonight to tomorrow.

Came across Ronnie Corn's remark on TAKEOVER (see 8/16/86). Thinking of using an [8] and a [10] die when 4 play, giving 13 chances out of 80 of getting a desired space - or abt. 1 chance in 6 ~~[illegible]~~ - 31 out of 80 throws will be wild; [6] & [10] when 3 play, giving 10 chances out of 60 - or 1 chance in 6 - 24 out of 60 throws will be wild; [6] & [6] when 2 play, giving 7 chances out of 36 - or abt. 1 chance in 5 - 11 out of 36 throws will be wild.

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Played abt. 4 games of SORRY! w. Brian. Phil/Stephie joined us for one of them.

Message from Ronnie Corn. "Happy New Year" & he saw article on me in Feb/Mar GAMES. Called. He bought QUEST (Ravensburg) and ELFQUEST ~~(Fantasy at the Card Table)~~ BOARDGAME, THE (Mayfair).

BB looked at rules for DOWN UNDER & "Brookstone". All it says is that a line of 4 wins.

Saturday 3 January 1987

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Rcd. $500 check from "West End Games" (Dated 12/29/86) - for "options" on IT'S A DEAL & MIND THRUST.

Rcd. calendars and other mat'l, from Mel Bush.

Rcd. 3 copies of GAMES - Feb/Mar '87, Editorial by Jerry Calabrese. Article on me. Reviews of ROBOT RASCALS (Electronic Arts); BOX OFFICE (Cultural Consultants Corp.) - by me; DOORWAYS TO HORROR (Pressman) - by Matthew Costello. Small ads; FLEET MANEUVERS (Fantastic Simulations); TIC-TAC-TOE IN 3-D (W.B. Mayo); FANTASY BASKETBALL (Fantasy Basketball); GAMMON IV (Lane Multi-Player Enc.); COUNTER ALL TERRORISTS! (C.A.T. Games); GO (Ishi Press International); COLLEGE: THE GAME OF KNOWLEDGE (Sibilatrix, Inc.). Ad for WORD-MASTER (American Educational Computer, Inc.). Back page ad for UBI (from the very weird people who brought you the TRIVIAL PURSUIT game).

Visit from Lynn & Herb Levy. He brought me the rules for INSURGENCY & THERAPY THE GAME. I gave him rules for COPS 'N' ROBBERS (Top-Notch Game Co.) & ECOLOGY. For INSURGENCY (Battleline Publ.) he took dupl. of THE ART OF SIEGE (S.P.I.) - but he owes me another game, non-war. Also gave him copy of Feb/Mar GAMES - signed at Lynn's request. Played TAKEOVER and they liked it. BB won by reaching $150,000, but Herb had only one "Debt" left. In discussion Herb suggested having one less "Debt." Played TOUCH & GO and they loved it (couldn't see why "P." doesn't grab it). Set next date for 1/30 - weather permitting.

Thinking abt. TAKEOVER: For 4 or 3 players use $150,000/5/5 - but start w. $10,000 (Lynn had to use 2 or 3 "Shady Deals" at the start because she couldn't collect any money). For 2 players use $300,000/10/10 and $20,000 use "Fair Trade" & "Tax" - any payment 10 and over - for any no. of players.

Herb Levy got copy of ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME (Mayfair) - and it is excellent. Showed Herb THINKING MAN'S BASKETBALL - he'd love to get a copy, and SATI; neither of which were actually published I believe. Showed him SUE FOR A MILLION - and we both agreed it was basically an abstract card game.

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problems w. "Koleco/S.&R." Told him abt. "Mattel" doing CATHEDRAL and that I may have a follow-up if it succeeds. He has something under consideration at "P." Told him that CAN'T STOP may come back. He hears that INSTANT INSANITY will be revived. Told him the DOORWAYS -- were doing pretty well. His best is SNEAKY PETE. Both busy now, but we'll get together after TOY FAIR, and will meet during it.

Compiled list of my games in GAMES mag.: FINANCIER (11,12/77); THE GREAT RACES (1,2/78); OIL STRIKE! (5,6/78); SPY (7,8/78); XandO (3,4/79); CLOSING IN (11,12/79); LAST DITCH (5,6/80); COMBINATION (3,4/81); WTHT VWLS (3A/82); ODD AND EVEN (10/82); LOOP-THE-LOOPS (11/82); SCORE FIVE (1/83); BREAKAWAY (5/83); OPEN WHIST (3/85); TRIAD (3/86); THINK TWICE (5/86).

4 Sunday

January 1987

Perihelion
Second Sunday after Christmas
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Called Matthew Costello to thank him for his review of DOORWAYS TO HORROR. He said that altho the video is really not needed - which I agreed - his friends seem to like having it as a background. I said that it was rather like humor in a game - such as BOX OFFICE - which is pleasant at the start, but you forget abt. it after you become familiar w. the game. He said that he enjoyed CLUE VCR MYSTERY GAME altho the rules were hard to follow. He said that he was going to ~~call me~~ write to me abt. the GAMES article on me. He asked, & I told him abt. what is happening @ the mag. Told him I'd like to have him come to visit, but it will have to be after TOY FAIR; we'll probably get together there for a chat. In talking abt. my not keeping up w. all the war games, he said that Eric Goldberg said that it is important that all of "West End's" games be in my repository. He said that UBI is not good.

Call from Claude. He rcd. a call from Donald Morison Silberger who is interested in writing up his LINES OF ACTION in Brazil. He wrote to me but never got an answer. Checked & I got his letter in '78, but never got the chance to answer it. He is now a professor at "New Paltz" - he was in Brazil when he wrote to me. His telephone nos.: ((Home - 914-257-2690)) ((Bus. - 914-255-8819)). Set date to go there on 1/9 - weather permitting.

Monday 5
January 1987

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Called John Vernon @ L.I. and was told that he is now in Conn. @ ((203-725-6000)). Called there & he was at a meeting. Left my number.

Called Wayne Schmittberger. In meeting & he called me back. The sale went thru & GAMES is now owned by "PSC Publications Ltd." (or something like that). The "C" stands for Jerry Calabrese. I spoke abt. the addresses I am to get for him (see 12/19/86). Arranged that I'd bring them when I go there Thurs. or Fri. of this wk. He may be going to N.J. w. Jerry looking for offices - if not in I'm to give the mat'l. to Scott Manley. As far as reviews from me, the May/June issue is finished, so it will be several months. Asked abt. his ON ASSIGNMENT - Roy DeVries is working on a better prototype. Asked if they had copies of Feb/Mar issue around - no, but he'll see that eventually I'll get at least 10. Asked if perhaps there was an extra copy of ELLERY QUEEN MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME ~~around~~ around. He's not sure that even one is around; Matt Costello reviewed it for Jan. Asked abt. Burt Hochberg - has an assignment to do an article on "Computer Games"; has n't found anything permanent yet.

Card from Frank Thibault. TOPPLE did well financially; in GAMES catalog. My reviews and AGOG - I write very well. Hopes I am collecting on THE MOUSE TRAP GAME. Richard D'Arcey - card game ~~[illegible]~~ to be out next yr. ('87 I guess he means). SUDZ.

6 Tuesday January 1987

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First Quarter
Feast of the Epiphany
Three Kings Day (P.R., V.I.)
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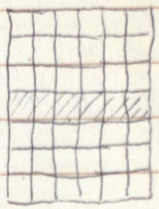
Called A. Obbens in Amsterdam. He left for day already (abt. 16 o'clock there). Gave my number and asked to have him call me tomorrow - 15 o'clock or later - abt. 2 games of mine he has (CHEAT A LITTLE and FOUR-ARMED BANDIT). ($4.12)

Call from Paul Tanaka to see if I rcd. the mat'l. on his THE OPTION GAME BOARD, THE BANKING GAME, & THE COMMODITY WAREHOUSE GAME; YES (see 12/20 & also 12/12/86). He has many other GAMES that he wants to develop, and he asked if I wanted to work for him. Told him that I'd certainly like to get together w. him after TOY FAIR. He asked abt. it and might be interested in exhibeting at "Javits Center," Gave him no. for "TMA" and asked him to let me know what is happening. Also gave him Wayne Schmittberger's address to send the brochure on his games.

Call to Wayne Schmittberger. Not in & he called me back. Spoke abt. things in general, and I'll probably be there Fri. Decided that I won't be ready by Fri. Called again and arranged that I'd be there abt. 10 on Mon. - he may have to go out around lunch time. He has some copies of the Feb./Mar. GAMES for me. Asked abt. the contracts - in connection w. my games for SPIELBOX. When I go there I can check thru my file to see what is covered. I brought up the letter from George Gasparovic abt. Christiaan Freeling's GAMES. I'll bring the letter in, and probably Wayne will write to Freeling abt. it.

Called Felicia, Going to the hospital Thurs, w. Doris. Told her abt. a new game (REACH) w. endless puzzles that might be good for "International." She was enthusiastic abt. it. She asked if she could have some people directed to me while she is in the hospital - of course. A mother-daughter team brought her an as yet unnamed family GAME that looks quite interesting, She'd like me to see it when she gets back from the hospital.

Call from Mark Setteducati after seeing the write-up on me in GAMES. Told him I had been intending to call him. Asked him abt. his game OUT OF SIGHT. The board is as shown. There are 15 pcs. ea. w. "X" & "O" which are all placed face down. On a turn a player can either place a pc. on any empty space, or move any pc. as a "queen." Pcs. on your side of the board can be seen in the mirror. Those in the center row can't be seen be either player. After placing or moving, a player can turn up 4 pcs. in a row. If they are all the same he keeps them; if not the opponent gets them, but the player can stop before turning all 4, ~~to try to get~~ Win by getting 11 pcs. He rcd. an invite to Tom Wenneck's "Nuremburg" party - I didn't. He is not sure if he'll be able to go - time limitations. I mentioned not being invited to the "Hasbro" inventors meeting; he wasn't either, but Bob Fuhrer, who has one of Mark's items being considered by "MB" took him along. He also isn't on "P's" list, but he comes to the party anyway. Told him abt. John Vernon's



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Call from Joe DeLuca, the inventor/publ. of VARI TRIVIAL, who saw the write-up of me in GAMES. He is having trouble selling it to stores, and thinks there may be trouble w. the rules. He asked my charges and I said $25 an hour - but I tried to talk him out of it. In any case, can't do anything before end of Feb. He said he'd call me then. Told him I had a copy; he'll send me his new rules. Took his numbers - tho I told him not to expect a call! Day-((201-884-6069)); Night-((201-389-1835)).

Call from Dan O'Neill. He asked if Roy DeVries would be good for him as a rep, but I wasn't able to answer that. He said that Lee Gelber didn't work out, but he was glad that Lee led him to me. My help in getting him into OMNI has led to other publicity. Thanks to me he has rcd. a few orders from Eamon Bloomfield, for DOOLITTLE & WAITE.

Letter to Walter Luc Haas w. the list of my GAMES in GAMES that I compiled yesterday - SPIELBOX, IT'S A DEAL & Reiner Müller & "West End."

When didn't get call fr. A. Obbens, wrote to him abt. CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT.

Letter to Derek Carver: Repros of ~~his~~ reviews of WARRIOR KNIGHTS in GAMES; mention of DYNASTIES; changes in BAZAAR - cut from one of the repros of the rules, w. mat'l. added by hand; CORNER; CORONA - Alex Randolph; CODE 777 - WHAT'S THAT ON MY HEAD? - Alex.

Call fr. Claude abt. our date Fri. Getting there 6 to 6:30 good w. them.

Saw Scot Morris on "Carson" show I taped last night. Nothing on games, but Carson showed Scot's book OMNI GAMES.

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as that I took on 2/10 - so discarded this.

- Met Ian Morley as planned. He is working on some additional variations for CHEKIT - will send me copies when ready. Gave me a copy of the game - dupl., but a less fancy edition.
- Driving day met Darwin Bromley. I'm to go see him next wk.
- ☐ Picked up (where?) sheets on GAMES FOR PLEASURE LTD. abt. tours to game shows in London & Essen. JACK JAFFE's games of SAVE THE PRESIDENT, LIBIDO, PERSONA, & INTERPLAY featured. (Filed in Jaffe folder.)

Call from Barbara Horn; Sylvia Bailen told her abt. her helping me get BAZAAR published by "Discovery Toys."

[Started 2/14]

8 Thursday

January 1987

Battle of New Orleans 1815 (La.)

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Rcd. invite from Tom Werneck to party on 2/7. Included "Guest List"-among those I know: Werner Balzer, Hannelore Ganslandt, Dan Glimne, Erwin Glonnegger, Thomas Kniffler, Tom Kremer, Alain Ledoux, Abraham Mor, Friedhelm Merz, Ivan Moscovitch, Reiner Müller, Ard Ohbens, Trevor Pepperell, David Pritchard, Alex Randolph, Brigitte Rek, Bill Riva, Ernö Rubik, Werner Schlegel, Jürgen Stöhr, Bernward Thole, Knut-Michael Wolf.

← Made a set of cards for ANOTHER. Played a couple of 4-hand games by myself, each for himself; plays fast, and mainly luck, but O.K. Played a hand of 3-hand TOUCH & GO by myself, O.K. except that one player could give it to either of the other 2. Started a model for T&G. Since Lavry Mass didn't make the call he said he would the middle of this wk., I called him abt. 2:30; "out to lunch," but he didn't call back.

Rcd. interesting card from Sandy Silbermintz, editor of CROSSWORD CONNECTION (Globe Communications Corp.)

BB w. Annette to "Morgan Library" One book was open to RITHMOMACIA; thinking of copying info, but it was in Latin. Told her I had complete info.

Commonwealth Day
(N.M.I.)

Friday 9 January 1987

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Call from John Johnson ((516-226-5338)). Asked abt. Felicia in the hospital. Told him she was supposed to call me when she felt up to it. Then I'll call him.

Called Larry Mass (and he said he was going to call me soon. Arranged that I'd go there on 1/14 w. rules for TAKEOVER, TOUCH & GO, ANOTHER, CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT - and hopefully the models for the first 3. Probably I'll have lunch there.

Wrote rules for ACROSS, my new name for T&G. Started ANOTHER.

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. He has a meeting Mon. @ 11:30. I'll be there 10 A.M.

To Claude's. (Ate at Glendale diner, including Ray & baby). Back and Anne, BB, and I played [redacted] TAKEOVER while Claude napped. Played 2 games and it seemed OK. Used a rule that the price of small takeovers went up once the board was filled. Claude gave me GO FOR THE GOLD (U.S. Playing Card Co.); they say that play is like HEARTS, which is completely wrong!

10 Saturday

January 1987

Finished rules for ANOTHER. Working on boards for ACROSS.

Visit from Laurence's. Started game of TAKEOVER w. rule that after the board is filled any takeover costs 10, w. 5 going to the bank. Didn't work and stopped. Then started again w. other rules, including one that can't collect profit with a wild throw. Annette said it wasn't getting anywhere & we stopped. (Not quite sure that these ideas are quite themes I used.

First Sunday after Epiphany
De Hostos' Birthday (P.R.)

Sunday 11
January 1987

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Working on ACROSS boards. Thinking abt. rules for TAKEOVER.

Call from John Johnson, asking abt. Felicia in hospital. Told him she told me that she would call me after she was settled in, and that she told me it was at "St. Luke's." He called me back to say they had no record of her there. Told him that last operation she was at "Cabrini." I was pretty sure. He said he'd call there and call me back if she is there. Didn't call.

NEWS had "Caldor" ad, w. 20% off on all "VCR Games." Picture of both DOORWAYS--, in front and CLUE VCR MYSTERY GAME behind (discarded).

12 Monday

January 1987

To GAMES. Gave Wayne Schmittberger addresses & tel. nos. for WORLDMASTER, THERAPY THE GAME, & GAMERS ALLIANCE. He gave me 10 copies of Feb/Mar GAMES. I asked, and he rcd. SUE FOR A MILLION. He rcd. the ad mat'l. from Paul Jaruska; we discussed it a little; later I called Jaruska and left message on machine to call me at home tomorrow. Showed him my letter from George Gasparovik - and made repros for him; he'll check w. Christiaan Freeling whether Gasparovik can contact him - and I'll inform Gasparovik abt. this. Together w. Wayne & Jan Elston we looked at my file, and they said not to worry abt. using any of my GAMES for SPIELBOX. Wayne asked my opinion of MURDER SHE WROTE (Warren) - Scott Manley is doing a review, in case they lose ads & need fillers for Apr/May issue - but they really haven't tested it completely - I'll look at it over weekend. Spoke to Scott Manley and he asked which of the "KGB" games was like MURDER SHE WROTE; he'll call me tomorrow. He had a game w. a record - BAMDAZZLE GAME ALBUM - which I probably can take next time I come. He had a copy of THE AMAZING LABYRINTH (Ravensburger), which he said is a lot of fun; made repros of complete info. From inside of box covers copied rules for MELEE & PENTAKRIBB WITH TUFACE - and took 2 score sheets for this; both are by "D.D.H. Inc." although diff. names are also given (see 11/24/86). Spoke to John Keenan and he asked if he could keep the copy of MASTERPIECE I brought there a little longer - told him he could keep it - his copy was stolen from his car. John gave me 3 letters: "TMA" - card to fill out for TOY FAIR badge; from Ellen Finnegan - asking abt. MR. PRESIDENT; Warren E. Buckner - asking abt. DECISIONS, DECISIONS - w. mention of STAY ALIVE - and STAR REPORTER - enclosed SSAE. Made repros of the following rules: ANOTHER - 2 sets; ACROSS - 3 sets; FOUR-ARMED BANDIT - 1 set; CHEAT A LITTLE - 1 set; with FOUR-ARMED BANDIT I included rough sketch of board w. other info. Made repro of new rules for VARI TRIVIAL - which I saw on Burt's desk.

To "Victory Games": Mark Herman out today. Michael Moore got me a copy of PLAYBOY: THE GAME OF ELEGANT LIFESTYLES. Took his card. Left my no. in case Mark wants to get in touch w. me.

On way to "The Compleat Strategist met Peter Corless. Told him I'd be at "West End" on Weds.

At "The Compleat Strategist" bought package w. 2 sets - one transparent and one opaque - of dice (4, 6, 8, 10, 12, & 20-sided) - ($3.00 + 28¢); also 2 6-sided transparent ($1.50 + 12¢). (Used the two 6-sided and the 8 trans-parent 6 & 8-sided in the final TAKEOVER model.

Rcd. envelope from Joseph J. DeLuca - w. new rules for VARI TRIVIAL, some ad mat'l., and letter abt. me working on the rules.

BB got call fr. Robin King. Told her that Feb. was out for us w. "Mensa." She'll take it then and we'll get March.

Played abt. 3 games of TAKEOVER w. BB. Then played 4-hand by myself. Pretty sure I have it in the final form.

Tuesday 13 January 1987

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Letter from Glenn Rouse - a reprod message on one side & a message to me on other, mentioning ~~PHIT~~ PHIT.
Letter from Erwin Glonnegger - in answer to my card.

Dana here in morning. Played 3-hand TAKEOVER and played O.K. - altho winning by money seems the most likely - still. Wrote the rules and BB typed them. Packaged TAKEOVER in a "DePinna" box - used houses from an EASY MONEY set (10/5/85) for the Franchise Markers. Packaged ACROSS in the box from the RSVP dupl. (of 9/29/79) (and had a lot of trouble getting the "contact" to stick. Didn't have time to prepare another box for ANOTHER - BB suggested using the LE VIZIR box (Rcd. 2/21/79) - did, just adding a red label w. ANOTHER by Sid Sackson; removed the rules and cards.

Call from Paul Janaka ~~[illegible]~~ in answer to mine of yesterday. Spoke abt. possibilities of reviews and/or "game bits" for his THE BANKING GAME, THE OPTION GAME BOARD, & THE COMMODITY WAREHOUSE GAME - but decided to hold off until we talk during TOY FAIR - arrangements to be made.
Call from Scott Mauley: Told him that MURDER SHE WROTE (Warren) was very similar to PROJECT KGB; THE DOUBLE AGENT & House of Games/Waddington ©1973).
Call from Tom Shaw. He said that Gary Donner of "Random Games" knew that I did the DOORWAYS -- games. Told him that I wasn't trying to keep it a secret - but I'd prefer not to hurt Felicia by having her hear abt. it - altho I certainly didn't do anything wrong. He asked if I could send him copies of the 2 games; yes, but it would be faster if I bring them to Dubs tomorrow; sure, but check & make sure he'll be there.
Called, and needed 4 calls to get the number to call Larry Dubs collect ((215-887-8796)). Called & mentioned Tom Shaw; he accepted. He does know me. He'll be in tomorrow from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

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actually played?) and they liked it. Told them abt. Focus, and they took a copy of DOMINATION; told them that it still is under contract to "MB" but should be released soon. They also took copy of PUSHOVER.

Call from Claude to ask abt. ROTATION (Tomy). Told him that "Tomy" is out of business.

Message from Mel Bush (abt. what?).

BB got call from Ted Haimes ((645-2333)), who got my name from Phil Orbanes. He is w. some co. who needs help on a [redacted] GAME. I can call btw. 9:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

14 Wednesday

January 1987

Full Moon
Albert Schweitzer
born 1875
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To Larry Dubs and gave him the DOORWAYS — games. Asked him to ask Tom Shaw to call me - when they speak.

To Larry Mass. He ordered Chinese food to share. Gave him rules for CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT; told him abt. And Obbens coming here for the evening and then not answering my letter or my call - he said it stank. Gave him TAKEOVER model - he said it would definitely have to be redone to give it a theme. Gave him [redacted] model - and discovered that I put a "K" on the cards instead of "S" - wrote SULTAN above the "K" and he said it would be all right. Gave him ACROSS model. Spoke abt. the contract and we agreed there was no point in signing any now, until Tom Kremer decides which, if any, he wants to handle. He does want to know who has seen them - I asked, and 5 yrs. back is O.K. I'm to call "Etta" and give her the info - for her to Telex or Fax to him in London. He needs it by 1/27. In our conversation we discussed the takeover of the various cos. Also for some reason SPY / BIONIC CRISIS came up. He said that it was probably a coincidence that Paul Gruen did it - but I said they were almost identical. He returned FOOLS RUSH IN to me. His friends find that it was "rule heavy" - even tho most of it was explained on the board. showed him GAMES w. "Guru" article and he asked to take it; sure.

To [redacted] "TMA" and gave in the card for TOY FAIR registration.
To "Pressman". Sam Goldberg out to lunch w. Sue Adams, and I left after abt. half an hour. Did speak to Jim Pressman and asked abt. DOORWAYS TO MYSTERY - if the others do well this yr., possible for '87, told him it was much simplified since last time we played. Also spoke to Kris Lynch and asked her to have Sam give me a call.
To "West End" - where Eric Goldberg gave me COSMIC ENCOUNTER expansion set 9 (Eon).

In talk w. Larry Mass, the "Ideal" puzzle GRIDLOCK came up; I think he said it was by Howard Wexler. I told him abt. THE INFINITE PUZZLE; he'd like to see it.

BB got calls from Monte Young & Michael Thompson. They'll call tomorrow.

(cont. fr. 1/15) [1/15]

Hasn't heard any news abt. Marvin Silbermintz since he came back from CA. She wants to take me to lunch; after TOY FAIR I said, and she'll come here to see my collection someday.
He sent regards to BB - mine to Linda.
Call from Roger Burton. He asked if anyone ever did a trivia game based on the branches of the armed forces - not to my knowledge. He is thinking of doing one and calling it SALUTE TO THE FORCES and he thinks he could sell it to the army stores, etc. He just had a trip, by plane, to "MB" to show GAMES; his appointment was for ½ hr. but it lasted 3 hrs. Mike Meyers as nice as John Vernon and - he said - I should get to know him. They have forgiven Roger for DARK TOWER etc. They held an abstract and a children's game of his. He said that "S.&R." & "P." told him they weren't interested in war GAMES - but I told him that "P." is doing one for '87. (cont. on 1/16)

Martin Luther King, Jr.
born 1929

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Thursday 15

January 1987

Rcd. "VPS" package fr. "Games Workshop" w. BLOOD BOWL. Covering letter from Jim Colton, mentioning the article on me.

Rcd. envelope from "Chaosium Inc." w. issue #22 of GAME DESIGNER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER (July '86) w. mentions of and articles from a number of people I know. Greg Costikyan seems to be the editor. Covering letter from Greg Stafford that I have been made a "non-paying, Honorary Associate member" of the GAME DESIGNERS GUILD.

Called John Keenan @ GAMES to ask him to notify me if he receives any letters to me from organizations - because of the article.

Call from Monte Young. Did I receive the 8-player POWER, yes - but haven't had a chance to play it yet. Asked if got a call from David Malcolm - no. He is a financier who missed out on TRIVIAL PURSUIT, and is interested in backing another winner. Monte gave him my name as a reference for POWER. Told Monte I'd say it is an excellent game, but whether it will make a hit is beyond my expertise. Monte said he got orders due to my GAMES review. He was impressed w. the "Guru of Games" article.

Call from Phil Orbanes. They are dealing slowly w. "A.H." abt. getting ACQUIRE - and I'm pretty sure he said for the U.S. On CAN'T STOP, marketing is keen on it, but they are looking at possible changes in the name and in the presentation; answer should come in middle of April. The specific reason for the call was that he heard from someone in Australia was looking for a copy of MOVIE MAKER (I asked, and it was Robert S. Smith (see '86)). Told Phil I only had one, and that it was done by "P. of England" - he'll check w. them. He said he'd see me @ TOY FAIR; told him I had nothing to show them; he said that '88 was just abt. all tied up. I said that I heard that Charlie Phillips has 2 items for '87; one is a family GAME - the other is a gimmik for a word GAME with the game play not great, so they combined it w. someone else's word game, sharing the royalties. Charlie presented 28 items, all very professionally done, altho often the game play was poor. Charlie was on a roll now; just like Paul Gruen was w. Bill Dohrmann, then he faded - but is beginning to show again. I brought up BIONIC CRISIS / SPY; Phil asked Paul abt. it and got an evasive answer. He got a long distance call; I asked him a quick question abt. my games in THE 6 PACK OF PENCIL & PAPER GAMES in SPIELBOX; anything I did for "Gamut of Games" is O.K. to use.

ll from Michael Thompson. He called me in March of last yr. (which I didn't have entered in diary yet - but later discovered it was 3/27 and 2 later). He has a private GAME now for which he'd like to get boat miniatures abt. 3" long. He has been to "The Compleat Strategist" but they didn't have anything. I suggested "shackman" I asked, and last yr. he called me abt. his game OVERTURN, which I said sounded like IAGO, he'd like to see it. Told him to call me towards end of Feb. Took his no., just in case ((212-666-1655)). ~~Fourth Payment Last Year's Income Tax Due~~.

led Sandra Silbermintz @ "Globe Communications Corp." I asked, & she

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16 Friday

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(Later found on shelf 67.) 16/349

While looking for DECISIONS, DECISIONS (Cadaco) (see 1/12) noticed MASTER NEXUS and looked inside - never returned the rules when I repo'd them for Herb Levy. (Couldn't find either the game or the rules)

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"any triple" hex. The game is for 2, 3, or 4 players.

BB got call from John Johnson, asking if I heard from Felicia in hospital.

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Roger placed 4 "R-rated" GAMES w. a specialty co.

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- Spellcraft Corp.; Booth 574. Took sheet on WORD FOR WORD and they'll send copy in abt. 2 wks. Took card for Angelo Guavagna.
- Booth 639; H.J. International, Inc. Took sheets on TRITEZI-THE OLYMPIAN ORACLE, but didn't ask for a copy.
- Booth 624; Storeplay Inc. (Alna Inc. listed in "directory"). Took sheets on DICTIONARY BABBLE (Alna, Inc.); COMANA; GREEKOPOLY; MELTDOWN; SPACE SHUTTLE; TELL A FORTUNE; 2 children's games. I asked and they'll send me MELTDOWN & COMANA.
- Booth 615; Bonnes Ondes, Inc. Took sheets on DAKARA. Will send to me & Scott in abt. 2 months. Took card from Suzanne Gaud.
- Booth 613; BlueStar. Took sheet on SOLEX IV. Will send copy in a few wks. Would like info on putting ad in GAMES mag.
- Booth 789; The Naipes Experience, Inc. Altho I said I couldn't ~~[illegible]~~ do a review they had me take a copy of NAIPES ESPECIAL; also took sheets on it. "Wildlife Games, Inc." also at booth; took sheets on THE WHALE GAME.
- Booth 771/2; "AG Industries, Inc." SHUTTLE COMMAND (Universe Games) on view there; they said they'll send copies.
- Jopco, Inc.; Booth 684. Took sheets on INSITE (Insite Games, Inc.) - (did I ask for a copy?); among sheets is repro of game review article in CHICAGO TRIBUNE - among many games I knew is "Baron/Scott Enterprises'" LIFESTYLES OF THE POOR AND DISGUSTING (date is 11/28/86). Also in booth is TRADITION. The inventor of INSITE is Ruth Gannon Cook.
- Booth 625/6; Venezuelan Toys. Took sheets on HIPICASA & THE PRESIDENT'S RESCUE (T.I.O. Kayo L.T.D.).
- Booth 728; The Popular Toy Co. Took sheet on EXECUTIVE VENTURE; they'll send review copies in abt. 2 wks. (Teamwork Entertainment Co.).
- Booth 747. Took sheets on INTREPID JOURNEY. (Did I ask for copy?) ~~[illegible]~~
- Booth 688; C. Whitfield Consulting. Took sheet on THE FAMILY FUN GAME - too juvenile.
- Booth 793; Geolearning Corp. Took sheet on various learning tools for geography - not actually games.
- Booth 139; Bee Wise Industries, Inc. Took sheet on HISTORY & HOTSEATS - same

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Benjamin Franklin born 1706
Arbor Day (Tex.)
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Saturday 17
January 1987

Called Herb Levy and spoke to Lynn - Herb @ tourist stores. Told her abt. MASTER NEXUS & someone wanting MR. PRESIDENT. He'll call tomorrow.

To "Mensa" meeting @ Bob Abbott's alone. When got there Bob A. and Michael Keller were playing CONFUSION. Spoke to Michael later. No one had told him that CAN'T STOP was mine. I asked, and noone else has sent in correct answer to contest in WORLD GAME REVIEW yet - I didn't ask abt. prizes. He'd like to see my collection; told him we probably will have "Mensa" meeting in March. He'll try to come. The rest - and there were quite a few I didn't know - were playing STAGE II, informally & not keeping score. Bob Wittrock came in w. ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME; he got 5 others to start it w. him, but all except Anne drifted away - they were still at it when I left. Robin King & Michael Keller played several games of Wayne Schmittberger's EXTINCTION CHESS, where you win by capturing all of opponent's pcs. of one type - such as K or Q or all 8 P; I asked, & Michael said that castling on K or Q side w. either is allowed. Bob A., Frank & Sarah played 2 games of CAN'T STOP; w. me answering their questions. Then Frank, Sarah, Bob Shapiro and I played TAKEOVER; Sarah (I am pretty sure) won by getting rid of debts; they said they liked it. Bob S. saw the article on "Guru of Games" - his son was excited by it since he has been here. Bob S. and I played GO-DICE, w. sheet I got from Bob A.; also had to ask Bob A. for some of the rules, and still goofed. Bob W. said that Don O'Brien, the inventor of ROBOT RAMPAGE would like to visit me when he is in N.Y. Bob A. had a game called ROTATION (Tony '85). Players have 9 "checkers" of their color; 2 play. On a turn a player throws a die and uses the number as follows: enter pcs. and/or rotate the wheel one click per number. Object is to get 3 of your checkers in a row, in any direction including diagonally. With a high roll, Bob A. said, it was often possible to win in one turn. He changed the rules as follows: on a turn either enter 1 pc. or rotate until either you decide to stop or one pc. falls into a slot - sometimes more than one can fall at a time. He wrote to "Tony" telling them he could improve the play, but hasn't heard from them yet. Robin King will have Feb. meeting; I volunteered for March.



Here are the rules for GO-DICE - w. memory help from Bob A. On a turn a player throws 4 dice and can rethrow any no. one or 2 times. Move from starting pt. to adjacent hexes. W. 2 of same number can move across a "bridge" to that no. ~~w. any toss~~ Score 1 pt. for each hex entered. In addition to this, score bonus of 11 pts. for entering center "any triple" hex; 7 pts. for other "any triple" hexes"; 11 pts. for each far edge reached; 7 pts. for each "medium" edge reached. When no possible movement to a hex is available, a triple allows jumping to any empty hex of that no. When player can't, or chooses not to, move one of his 6 boxes is marked. After all are filled, another "no-move" ends the player's participation - but he can still win if his score is highest. At start, first player throws 1 die, 2nd 2 dice, etc. (Bob A. suggested limiting no. of rethrows, w. throw of 4 dice). I decided not to allow a bridge to be used in entering a

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18 Sunday
January 1987

Confession of St. Peter
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On "Weekend Edition" - a new WNYC-AM program - Will Shortz a regular w. simple word puzzles.

Call from Herb Levy. He'll get me repro of rules for MASTER NEXUS. By all means refer people who are looking for old games - such as MR. PRESIDENT - to him. Also tell them abt. GAMERS ALLIANCE. He & Lynn think that TOUCH & GO is great - told him it is now ACROSS. He asked abt. repros of rules for FERRY COMMAND (MB); told him that I had them, and also G&P #12. He asked abt. the others he is missing and I said I'd have to hold up on these until I see how things develope @ GAMES. I asked abt. how he made out at thrift stores yesterday - things like CAREERS, but nothing exciting.

Called John Johnson. He tried calling Felicia at home w. no answer. If either of us hears from her we'll call the other.

Looked at rules for MURDER SHE WROTE (Warren) - to talk to Scott Markley or Wayne Schmittberger abt. it.

Couldn't remember what I spoke to Michael Thompson (on 1/15) - and also couldn't find the sheet w. his no. until I wasted a few hours, - called him, and he called back. Gave him addresses of 2 miniatures cos., from 12/84 listing in MODEL RETAILER mag.

Call from Robin King, and she spoke to BB mainly. She set "Mensa" meeting @ her house for 2/14. Told her I definitely couldn't make that, but probably could make 2/21. One of the gals yesterday offered her place, in Manhattan, for March meeting.

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TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games, Inc.); WAFFLING ([redacted] Instruct, Inc.); DEFINITION DILEMMA (Preston Vallee, Inc.); BUCK FEVER (L & D Robtoy Enterprises); THE GAME OF REAL ESTATE (Marino Games, Inc.); TRIP 50 (Pal Productions, Inc.); JOMACK (CPM Associates Inc.); LETTER ROLL (Lewis Games); WORDPLAY (Happy Owl Toy Co.); LOTTERY DART BOARD, FIVE CARD ROULETTE (ER-JA Enterprises); BIBLE YADA (LG Creations inc.); DUMB LUCK (Games 'n Things); MEGA-RAIDER (Universal Games). Asked for copies of CLOUT & RESPONSE - took card from Mary McKenzie, V.P. of "Mavzip, Inc."

- BOOTH 532; Camilla Holdings pty Ltd. Took folder on WORLD QUEST & STAR TRAP. Asked for STAR TRAP. Took card from Jinny Naidoo. Met Herb Levy, who was carrying a copy of TRITE2 - THE OLYMPIAN ORACLE.
- Booth 535; Spencer Price, Inc. Took folder on EDUCATED GUESS. Will send me one. Mike Shenk was by & asked for one.
- Booth 610; Coolsville. Quick look at SUPERSTRUCTURE, PANIC, THE PARK - and they said they'll send them; also there - ZOOFARI & HOLLYWOOD; (see "Directory" for brief description. They said that Burt Hochberg & Mike Shenk were by. Took cards for Susan Moore & Roger Jackson.
- Booth 546; Hilltop Games. Took sheets on EMPIRE MANIA - kind of Hockey MONOPOLY. Took card from W. Alan Hill.

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Martin Luther King Day
Robert E. Lee born 1807

Monday 19

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Remembered that Felicia goes under the name "O'Neil." Called St. Lukes & then "Cabrini" where she is at (725-6259). She is still not walking, but doctor says the operation is successful. Told her that John Johnsey and I have been trying to get her. Pam Fermato has been visiting her and bringing gifts. Pam & Dan Ferrone are very happy working together.

Call from Wendy Hallman, who is with THE MUSEUM & ARCHIVE OF GAMES, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ont. N2L 3G1, Canada (519-885-1211). Someone gave her a note that I was interested in disposing of a collection of games. Told her that this undoubtedly was from the article on me in GAMES. Told her what I was looking for. I asked if Dr. Avedon was intending to go to TOY FAIR - not that she knows of. She was impressed that I had at least 15,000 games; their collection is abt. 1,000. She'll send me info on it. She asked, and I told her abt. ACOG and PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD. We each invited the other to visit.

Went back thru '82, listing the cos. that saw ACROSS/TOUCH & GO/IMPULSE, ANOTHER, CHEAT A LITTLE, & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT - to call in to "Etta" to send to Larry Mass.

Call from "Edith Sackson": she got a call ~~from~~ from She saw the GAMES article on me. She has a GAME idea and would like to collaborate w. me on it. Mrs. David Baclini, 85-02 10th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. (718)-745-8666

In talk w. Wendy Hallman she mentioned Tom Ransom (see '74). I said that I wrote to him with no answer. But I didn't follow up on why she mentioned him.

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- Booth 254; B.D.J. Enterprises, Inc. THE WINE CONNOISSEUR (Trivia Board Game) displayed. Didn't stop.
- Booth 244; Global Trends, Inc. Took copy of INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE and thick folder w. repros of publicity. (Added mat'l. of 2/10.)
- Booth 265; Laurad Games, Inc. Spoke to Gary Shevbell. He gave me a sheet of "Strategy Highlights" for SUE FOR A MILLION (placed w. the game).
- Booth 239; Silverline Games Inc. Took sheets on COMPUTER STAR - children's; CORPORATE CONFLICT - to be sent to Scott & me.
- S. Alden, Inc.; Booth 306. Took folder (see 7/22 for contents).
- Booth 323/339; Farley Football Co., Inc. Took rules & info for [redacted] FARLEY FOOTBALL.
- Booth 411/413; Marino Group. Took folder w. info on the Group & sheets on the following games: ALPHA CARDS (Creative Visions, Inc.); CLOUT! (Scofield Games); MEGIDDO, THE MEGIDDO BOOK by Tom Braunlich & Rollie Tesh (Global Games); POLICE PURSUIT (Police Pursuit, Inc.); PUZZLE STRUGGLE (Innotoy, Inc.); RESPONSE! (Marzip, Inc.);

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20 Tuesday
January 1987

Rcd. invite to "P." party—fran Laurie Curran — on 2/10. Returned RSVP.

called "Etta" w. info of yesterday for Larry Mass. Busy, and "Gloria" called me back for it.

Returned his card to Tom Werneck, that I couldn't attend his party.

Made listing of all dates that are in '86 TOY FAIR directory - to help me in writing it up in diary.

Call from Will Shortz. Told him I heard him on WNYC - the first one that told him, he said. He is working on a book on Sam Loyd. He came across a claim by Loyd of inventing PARCHEESI; possibly he introduced it in the U.S. prior to "S.&R." doing it. I looked at a number of books but couldn't find anything. I'll try some more & he'll call tomorrow. He cd. a Polish puzzle mag. w. an article mentioning him, Wayne Schmittberger, & me. He'll send me a repro. The writer was Rolislaw Kolbusz who was in the U.S. last yr. I spoke to him, getting Rolek Kolenusz as his name.

Called Mrs. David Baclini. Her husband - who has died - and a professor, Michael Capobianco invented a 2-hand strategy GAME. Told her it was just abt. the hardest type of game to sell. She was very pleasant and said they would like my comments on the game. Told her abt. TOY FAIR, and that I'd call her towards end of Feb.

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*Discarded folder of 2/11

He said that B.S. THE GAME OF "BEING SNEAKY" is being changed and I'll be getting a new copy. New is THE COUCH POTATO GAME & I'll be getting that too. Took folder w. info on the 2 games, etc. Have note - GUILTY PARTY & MIND DANCE - but can't remember anything abt. them.

- Booth 190; Universal Games. Took sheets on MEGA-RAIDER - copies will be sent to me & Scott. (Sheets discarded later - same as those of 2/10.)
- Booth 218; Good Games, Inc. Spoke to someone who said he'd send me rules for FRANTIC CITY / THE ORIGINAL FRANTIC CITY. Took sheets on it. He is interested in copies of CONFLICT, LIE, CHEAT & STEAL, and FOTO FOOTBALL (Cadaco). Gave him "Guru" repro.
- Travel Games, Inc.; Booth 212. Took sheets on TRAVEL AMERICA, but didn't stop. [redacted]
- Booth 279; Parlour Games. Took sheet w. pictures of V-GATE, T.P.O., TRY PACT, AZZA, ROSPO, MASI, METADIADEM, SHADOW, ZURUZ, PYRAMA. Told me they'd send V-GATE & SHADOW to Scott & to me, or possibly just rules to me.
- Booth 277; Binary Arts Corp. SPIN-OUT puzzle - didn't see this. "DMR Games." Took sheets w. CHASSE, STEPPE - which was previously STALK, KASSLE, KAGE; these & to be sent to me next wk. Also listed are ALIGO, CURRIO, KUE; available in July. Took card of Dave Reed.
- Booth 275; Ronin Enterprises, Inc. Took sheets on KUMITE & [redacted] THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR - both to be sent to me in abt. 2 wks.; also sheet on RANDORI - not ready yet. Took card of Paul Fuccillo. (Sheets discarded later - same as those of 2/10.)

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Wednesday 21 January 1987

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Realized that I never changed the colors in the rules for ACROSS, 2-hand and 4-hand partnership. Called "Seven Towns" and spoke to "Gloria." Told her the problem. Larry Mass will be in on 2/5 and she'll ask him to call me.

Fran Netherlands rcd. ad for THE LOOP-BOLT-PUZZLE and THE MT-BOLT-PUZZLE. Addressed to "Sid Sackson." (In '87 misc.)

Rcd. bill for $200 from Mel Bush for "Keough" etc.

Call from Tom Braunlich, in Seattle. He will be in NY. for TOY FAIR from 2/7 to 2/13. I suggested that he call me when he gets in and arrange to get together. He is involved w. some GAMES that will be on display at the "Javits" center. I asked abt. Rollie Tesh - all he knows is that Rollie is in Denver.

Call from Sue Adams. They rcd. complaints, and found that a penalty was announced in DOORWAYS TO HORROR, but no details were given. She said that it was door #56-blue. I checked & it was #57-purple. I also found that the last couple were mixed up, making it difficult to use the one I intended for the missing one. Several calls back & forth; she was supposed to call abt. 5, but didn't.

Called Don Benge & left message on machine; thanks for biscuits; I'll be sending GAMES to Robert S. Smith; read of the address, mainly to confirm the stash. (See 5/18/86).

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"Game Rules" container on shelf 51).

Booth 117; John N. Hanson Co., Inc. Took copy of "YOU SAID IT" (Innovations of Dallas) - and ad mat'l on it. Spoke to Fred Bates, took his card & sheet on ULTIMATUM - he'll send copies to me & Scott. Met Gini Scott and spoke a few minutes - took her card, "Creative Communications & Research." Took catalog w. 221-B BAKER STREET & an additional set; TRIVIAL DETECTIVE; MURDER MYSTERY PARTY - w. 6 titles; TILE RUMMY; GO; DOQUIN; TRIC-TRAC; KENSINGTON; LABYRINTH; MIDDLE AGE CRAZY; JUNIOR TRIVIA; BIBLE SEARCH Sunday School Edition; MID-LIFE CRISIS; 12 FISHING GAME; GEOGRAPHY QUEST; STIK-MMM; HIGH RISE; DICTIONARY TRIVIA; CRIME BUSTERS; 19TH HOLE GOLF; ANTE-UP; KATA KUCHI; TEEN TRIVIA PLUS; TRAVEL TRIVIA; THE UNGAME; MEDICAL MADNESS; HUNGARIAN RINGS PUZZLE; TIME THE GAME; STICK THE IRS!; STOCK MARKET SPECIALIST; PEOPLE'S COURT GAME; "YOU SAID YOU"; TRIGAMMON; 4-WORD; THE GAME CHARADES; SPORTS YESTERYEAR; MIND MOVER 3; MINI MIND MOVER 3.

Booth 160; Wilfred Enterprises. Took info on QUIZMAZE - which they said will be sent to Scott Marley & KALEIDOMAZE - for Scott & me.

Booth 151; Horizon Games, Inc. Took copy of SCEPTRE 1027 A.D. & sheet on it; also card from Sam Soranno.

Booth 230; TDC Games. Spoke to Gary Lane & told him that the game LONDON MURDER MYSTERY GAME didn't work; he told me to look at it again.

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22 Thursday

January 1987

Last Quarter
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Call fr. Someone @ "Roland" [redacted] - updating their list of free-lance (writers or inventors?). Corrected "Arrow" to "Arnow." Asked, and they work for "MB" - the one to see for review copies is Simone Firestone.

Calls from Tom Morley of CHEKIT. He'll call when he gets to N.Y. for TOY FAIR abt. getting together. In 2nd call he asked abt. my review in GAMES. I thought it was in, but it wasn't. (Later discovered that I didn't have a contract for it.) Called Wayne Schmittberger, but he had left because of the snow.

Called "Pressman" abt. DOORWAYS TO HORROR, but everyone at a taping today.

In phone book found "Rowland Co." on Madison Ave. Called, and they are not "MB" - but couldn't get the one I spoke to this morning.

Letter to Dan Glimme: FINANS.

Call from Kenneth Adams. He saw CORPORATE PURSUIT in picture from "Games" article. Asked if I had played it; not yet, since there is a backlog now that GAMES is going bi-monthly. They are making changes in the packaging, and also would like to rewrite the rules. He asked if I knew a professional rule writer. Told him I have done it, but I'm tied up then TOY FAIR. They'll be in rm. 923 at 200 Fifth, and I'll stop there to talk abt. it. Ken then transferred me to John Nason, in Rochester. John said that he remembered seeing me at "S. & R." each yr., but didn't realize that I was a "guru." He is now a V.P. at "Rachat." All the people at "S. & R." ~~are~~ from before are now out, including Bill Hill & Ed Rivoir; Richard Selchow had a heart attack, I mentioned the moving screwing that John Vernon rcd. fr. "Coleco" and he said Gene Murtha got the same. As for "Rachat," he realizes that it can't make it as a one game co. When spoke to Ken he said that CORPORATE PURSUIT sold out in 3 cities - including N.Y.C. - at "Compleat Strategist", "Bloomingdales", & "Abercrombie & Fitch."

Call from Rollie Tesh in Denver. The co. he is w. that is doing "trivia" games based on football teams is having trouble getting financing. He asked if I knew any small cos. that needed creative people. Not really, except possibly "Rachat." Ready to eat, so he'll call tomorrow.

Call from Ronnie Corn; Because of snow storm called off date for Sat. New date 2/21 - after TOY FAIR.

Call from Dave Greenwald - leaving for Australia in 2 days and will stay there for quite a while. He'll look for games for me, someone he knows ~~[redacted]~~ - Tom Snow - thru a BRIDGE club that he runs had a complaint abt. the "steal" cards in DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE; everybody plays them at the same time & the best gets it. He'd like to talk to me abt. it & other games. Is it O.K. for Dave to give him my no.; Yes, and after 11 P.M. is a good time for me.

While recording in '86 diary came across ESPIONAGE by "West End." Looks like my type of game, and I don't think I rcd. it.

Friday 23 January 1987

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Call fr. Sue Adamo. There still seems to be a conflict w. the unspecified penalty. Her tape has it at #56-blue & I have it at #57-purple. In any case, told her to make it "Richest player gives 14 gold certificates to poorest-with ties split." I asked, and she'll have the factory send me 2 of DOORWAYS TO HORROR & 1 of DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE.
Another call from Sue Adamo. She looked at her tape again & #57-purple is correct. The letters they have red, say #56, but don't mention the color - so probably they just didn't count correctly.

From Will Shortz rcd. repro of page from Polish mag - SAM NA SAM. He, Burt Hochberg, and Wayne Schmittberger are mentioned in one article. In another I and AGOG are mentioned, mainly in connection w. Lech Pijanowski - but Haav Hoolim & Arthur Amberstone also mentioned. This is by Roislaw Jan Kolbusz.
Called Wayne Schmittberger to ask abt. CHERIT review. Not in today & asked to have him call me Mon.
Called Eric Goldberg to ask abt. ESPIONAGE. He called me back, and said that they couldn't get it to work as a general game. I said that maybe I could help. He'll call me when he gets back from a mt. in Nottingham to talk abt. the possible project.

Call fr. Will Shortz to see if I found anything further on Sam Loyd & PARCHEESI. No. I suggested & he'll get in touch w. Bruce Whitehill. Thanked him for repro he sent - and told him that I was mentioned in connection w. Lech Pijanowski and his game in AGOG.

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PUZZLE STRUGGLE (Innotoy, Inc.). Ad for SAFARI ADVENTURE GAME (How Marketing Enterprises, Inc.). Pc. on "Coleco/ S&R" w. THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UBI. Ad by "Hicks Entertainment" for COUNTRY MUSIC CHALLENGE & GENERATIONS. Pc. on THE LOVING GAME (R.J.E. Enterprises). Pc. on "I E Games" w. THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME & NIGHT OF THE NINJA. Pc. on "[redacted]" "BDJ Enterprises" w. WINE CONNOISSEUR. Pc. on "Ikron" w. SCATZ. Ad by "New Infinities Productions" for CYBORG COMMANDO RPG, GRAND MASTER Fantasy RPG Scenarios, & REALMS OF ADVENTURE Mag. - Gary Gygax mentioned. Ad for INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE (Global Trends, Inc.). Ad for TRAVEL BUFF (The CBE Corp.). Pc. on "Ravensburger" w. THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTH. Pc. on "Vincent Price" becoming spokesman for HOW TO HOST A MURDER. Pc. on Gary Gygax starting "New Infinity Productions," Pc. on STRETCH CALL (El Ricco Inc.). Pc. on SKELLY-O (Gotham Games). Pc. on FAMILY FUN FITNESS (Bandai). Pc. on TAKE A LETTER (Rainbow Games). Pc. on SUE FOR A MILLION (Laurad Games). "People" - "Victory Games" names Lee Gelber as director of Sales & marketing. Ad for PERCEPTRON (P.).

o Javits Center.
Booth 116; Midwest Marketing Consultants, Inc. Spoke to Brenda Cyrus, took her card, and info on PRIORITIES (Cyrus Enterprises) - she'll send copies to me & Scott Marley. From someone got the rules for PHARAOH'S QUEST (Protel Games) - which has complete info (placed in

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Called Felicia in the hospital. She got a call from Maria Riva. Then soon after one from Bill Riva - crying poverty.

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Also card from Michael Deluca of "Card Games Galore," and ad sheets on their CHALLENGE POKER CHESS. Copies to be sent to Scott Manley.

- Booth 857; Whitehall Games Inc. Passed by and didn't see anything new.
- Booth 807; Conglomerate Board Games, Inc. Took card from Gregory Waylock; also ad sheet & rules for CONGLOMERATE. He'll send copies to me & Scott.
- Booth 623; Amuse Inc. Spoke to Stewart Lamle a few times (actually left my coat there). Took his card. Took copy of I-QUBE; copy of ZEUS 2-SIDED CARD GAMES - just the cards, the rules to be sent.

Back to 200 Fifth.

- A.H. Spoke to Tom Shaw. Have note: "Eon/Spinneker ELLERY QUEEN AGATHA CHRISTIE" (??). Told him abt. DOSSIER - send it when it is completed. Told him what Mark Herman said abt. PATTON & MACARTHUR; they are doing a game on "Patton" - but send MACARTHUR, no hurry. They have 3 "VCR" games, & I asked for copy of VCR COLLEGE BASKETBALL; these are not in the catalog. He complained that they haven't rcd. any issues of GAMES since last summer
- International Playthings. Spoke to Martine Redman; Werner Schlegel hasn't been around yet. I asked, and she'll send me a copy of HEADS AND TAILS - she only has a few on hand now.
- Have card from Lori Wolf of "Wolf International" - and can't remember where I got it - possibly @ "International Playthings."

Rcd. an X'Mas mailing from Frank Soecknick & "? Wieland". (It is postmarked 12/18/86 !!) A tiny book - NATÜRLICHES ZAUBERBUCH included in the "card."

BB got call from Ted Haimes. The co. he is w. is "Marketing Equities" - 27 W. 20th St (Room 1201).

Not sure when I came up w. this - DOSSIER is my name for a non-VCR version of DOORWAYS TO MYSTERY.

- Booth 830; Maneuvering Games, Inc. Took copy of MANEUVERING.

Sunday 25 January 1987

Conversion of St. Paul

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To Dale: Brought Brian GRANDMA'S HOUSE (Spinnaker) - doesn't seem to work!

Message on machine from Paul Janaka ((516-334-4339)). Called him. He is interested in showing his games @ TOY FAIR. After some discussion gave him number for Robert Rudolph. He'll call and let me know how he makes out. We'll try to get together during the Fair.

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OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS; I'll get them around April. I brought up the problem I found in the UNO DOMINOS rules - but couldn't locate it. Told him abt. REACH; he'll contact Felicia abt. seeing it and SHAPE & SHATTER again in March.

- Video Technology. Said hello to Elaine & Jack Hirsch. Left repro of "Guru" article. Took catalog: WIZARD, MINI WIZARD; TALKING FOOTBALL; TALKING BASEBALL.
- Ray Larsen Associates. Met Scott Marley & Adrianne Bürgi here. Scott said there will be a special GAMES in Oct. w. just reviews.
- Matchbox. Saw RUBIK'S MAGIC & [redacted] RUBIK'S STRATEGY GAME (which is HEADS AND TAILS and is not by Ernö Rubik at all - and was being demonstrated incorrectly). David Berke gave me his card & I'm to call for copies. Marvin Silbermintz might be doing some more games for them; I mentioned that I also did games, Jack Daniels is now w. "Matchbox" Met Ruth Rontberg there and she'd be very interested in getting the copy of ORION (P.) w. the missing pc. Took her card. [redacted] Met Eamon Bloomfield & Ian Livingstone and to "Mattel" for party & trip thru line. All there was was AIRHEAD, WHACK ATTACK, MY WORD! GAME, & CATHEDRAL (in plastic) - Kept only a few pages from catalog; PREDICAMENTS (VCR GAME) & FLASH MATCH (VCR GAME) no longer in catalog. Spoke to Norma Milldrum & took her card; I'm to write to her for review copies. Ian's friend "Ron" drove us here. Looked at collection. Gave Ian Livingstone copies of TEMPTATION POKER, SLEUTH, VENTURE, & AGOG. (Gave Ron AGOG - for his girl friend, who has a thrift shop.) Ian gave me his card. He is the head at "Games Workshop" and will see that I keep getting things from there. He is doing very well and is building an estate in Spain. (At "Mattel" saw Mel Taft; but didn't speak to him.) Ian gave me "Games Workshop [redacted] "catalogue" - but see 4/10. cked up the following mat'l. during day.
- TDC Games. Folder w. sheets on B.S. THE GAME OF BEING SNEAKY & THE COUCH POTATO GAME.
- The Ungame. Folder w. info on Richard Levy's daughter, etc (who I met at "Coleco" on 2/9. Kept just one catalog.
- Sterling Games. Envelope w. sheets: PENTAKRIBB, PENTAKRIBB WITH TUFACE, MELEE, ANNEX.
- IFE Games Corp. "Catalog" w. THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME, NIGHT OF THE NINJA RPG.

got call from Gary Singer who invented a GAME and wants me to be a consultant. She told him to call next wk.
got call from Felicia. Call back after TOY FAIR.

{ Call from Mel Bush - Details?

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Rcd. THWART (Patomike, Inc.). Letter from Thomas Meisenheimer - also some publicity mat'l. Letter, mentioning that he knows Dan O'Neill and abt. my working on the rules for DOOLITTLE & WHITE.

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- International Playthings. Lunch. Spoke to Martine Redman & took her card. Spoke to C.T. Wilson & took his card; something abt. a marketing course at "Carnegie Mellan Inst. & a Canadian inventor (?).
- Western Publishing. Took folder w. info on OUTBURST, OUT OF CONTEXT, SOLARQUEST. Spoke to Kim McLynn & took his card; [redacted] he'll send me the 3. Also spoke to Brian Hersch, inventor of first 2, and took his card. George Propsom also joined us.
- TSR, Inc. Took catalog; D&D, AD&D, MARVEL SUPER HEROES, TOP SECRET, STAR FRONTIERS, GAMMA WORLD, HONEYMOONERS, CHEERS, ALL MY CHILDREN, BALDERDASH, CHASE (w. mention of private edition), SPY RING, THE INHERITANCE, KNAVE OF HEARTS; WORLD WAR II, TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD, SNIPER PATROL, REBEL SABRES, MOSCOW 1941, SNIPER, LA GRANDE ARMEE, ONSLAUGHT, TWILIGHT WAR, SPIES. Took card from James M. Ward; send letter for games I want. Took a small PICTIONARY sampler.
- The Games Gang. A new co. formed by people previously employed by "S&R". Took folder w. sheets for PICTIONARY, WINNING WORDS, SHOGI, JAGGER, THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE, TRICKY FINGERS, SUDZ - was told this is by David D'Arcey, FAST FAX, YOUR MONEY. I'm to come back w. my order. (Added these sheets to the folder I got @ Press Room yesterday.)
- Rm. 923. Stopped in to speak to Roy DeVries. He had a prototype of ON ASSIGNMENT on display. Also something called I BET I KNOW (but can't remember anything abt. it). CORPORATE PURSUIT there too; took card from Kenneth W. Adami; new rules are being worked; John Nason, who used to be w. "S&R", is now w. "Rachat."
- Tomy. Found that they are out of business.
- University Games. Took sheets on MURDER MYSTERY PARTY, TWENTY QUESTIONS - and a small package of sample cards, ALVA, CHICANERY. Also repros of newspaper & mag. articles on MURDER MYSTERY PARTY & other such games. Asked for review copies of ALVA & TWENTY QUESTIONS.
- Avalon Hill. Spoke to Jackson Dott; he'll send me QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE, TV WARS, & KNIGHTS OF THE AIR. Other new games are YANKS - a module for ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER, CLASSIC STATIS [redacted] PRO BASEBALL, LAND OF NINJA - a RUNEQUEST module. Took a catalog & a folded sheet listing of the games. Noticed that EXECUTIVE DECISION is no longer there. Jackson said that Tom Shaw would be in on Fri. & Sat. Someone from "Schmidt Spiel" there (did we say anything to each other?). Ian Livingstone there; we'll meet later.
- R.B. Fuhrer Enterprises. Spoke to Bob Fuhrer and I'm to come tomorrow for a copy of LOCOMOTION. Spoke to Mark Setteducati. He gave me a sheet on his OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS by "International"; they are NICE DICE, NUMBERS UP, & ARROW MINDED; his name is given. He suggested things I should see: MR. GAME SHOW @ "Lewis Galoob Toys" - didn't get there; "Matchbox."
- International Games. Spoke to Jeff Conrad and took catalog. New are STUN, a simple card game by Charles Phillips and the 3

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Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (Feb. '87). Game from a reader, called TELEVISION; Ruth Routberg reviews WHICH WAY, PLEASE? (Child's Play), DESTINATION: VACATION (Hoyle Products), TRIP 50 (Pal Productions), JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE (Ravensburger), WHERE IN THE WORLD? (Aristoplay).

Rcd. GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT (Winter '87). Reviews of FRANCE 1944 (Victory Games) - by Mark Herman; 2ND FLEET (Victory Games); POWER (Power Games); CASTLE RISK (P.); ADVANCE TO BOARDWALK (P.); TIGO (Pressman); ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME (Mayfair Games); DESPERADO (Whitehall); THERAPY: THE GAME (Gambit Games); THE ELFQUEST BOARDGAME (Mayfair); STRIKE! PRICE (Ticker Tape, inc.); DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE & DOORWAYS TO HORROR (Pressman). "Information Center": GAMES - Jerry Calabrese - bi-monthly; "S&R" bought by "Coleco"; ~~SCRABBLE~~ COMPUTER SCRABBLE available from "Electronic Arts"; "EA" working on ROMMEL BATTLES FOR TOBRUCK & THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA - w. "GDW"; "AH" promotion for THE GENERAL; Unusual packacking by "S. Alden, Inc." for their BEVERLY HILLS; THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, LAS VEGAS, & NYC THE BIG APPLE; Gary Gygax starting "New Infinities Productions" w. 2 others.

Rcd card from "IRS" that the problem of not reporting income from 1099's in '85 was taken care of by my correspondance of 12/11/86. (In Mel Bush file, placed.)

Message on machine (on return from Dale's - brought her copy of Feb./Mar. '87 GAMES). From Bryan Mattimore that last yr's show will finally be shown & I'll get a tape; not necessary to call, but his office # is ((203-359-1801)). From John Johnson. He visited Felicia in the hospital. Her spirit is good. She suggested that he go to TOY FAIR, and possibly show some of his items. He'd like to talk to me abt. it. From Wayne Schmittberger - in answer to mine of last wk. Told him I got a call abt. CHEKIT - the review will be in Apr./May GAMES, as will be my SCORE UP. ~~Accordint I am [illegible] show this in [illegible]~~ Told him I didn't have a contract for either of these; he'll look into it. I asked, and we'll be talking abt. things to review right after TOY FAIR. He rcd. a game addressed to me there - RINGMASTER; THE CIRCUS GAME (Cadaco-Ellis 147) - sender is Tom Meisenheimer (I am pretty sure) & there is no covering letter - (this was before I looked @ THWART that came yesterday).

Call from Claude. He rcd. a check for WATCH w. letter from Jessica Waxman - mentioning Edward. I explained that they took over "MPH" as well as "G&R".

Called Herb Levy and cancelled date for 1/30, because of BB being away. He'll see if he can make it 2/6 or 2/7, and call me. Thanked him for GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT. Told him abt. small error in his review of DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE. Also said that there was a flaw - which I didn't remember - in DESPERADO and that the "Whitehall" guy once wanted me to work on it. Herb said it had some merit; he did not review "Whitehall's FIXIT".

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Call from Sandra Lilora (AKA Mary Pressman Blake) who does customer service for "Pressman". She is sending me repros of a lot of questions on DOORWAYS TO HORROR and some on ADVENTURE. She'd like me to write a much more detailed set of instructions for both of them; not before TOY FAIR! She'll call Fri. in the afternoon to see what I can give her.

Called Wayne Schmittberger to ask abt. cards for me to give out at TOY FAIR. I'll probably have to use GAMES stationery. I'll go there sometime next wk. Asked for John Keenan; not at his desk and I asked to have him call me. I asked and have game manufacturers address review copies to Scott Mauloy.

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Clipped page w. FOLDING FRENZY. (Pretty sure I once got this, but didn't take the time to look.)

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS (Jan. '87). Clipped the following. Pc. on "Random House" taking over "Warren" - w. mention of MURDER SHE WROTE. (Thinking of using my AGOG, BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, etc. connection w. "Random House" as an entrée for submitting games to them.) Ad by "International Games" for their line, mentioning UNO DOMINOES, STUN, & children's items. Pc. on 2 charities teaming w. INCOGNITO (Invisions Inc.). Ad for RESPONSE! (Mauzip, Inc.) - sent "Reader's Card". Ad for "Futur-Pak Inc." w. pictures of some of the games they produced - THE CHICAGO BEARS TRIVIA GAME, P-H-D, INITIAL REACTION, CAT & MOUSE, & others. "Sneak Previews": RAPPORT (Rapport Enterprises); SUN SIGNS & WITCH HAZEL (Ikron/R.D. Retort) - sent "R.C."; RUBIK'S MAGIC (Matchbox Toys); SUE FOR A MILLION (Laurad); WAFFLING (Instruct); THE FAMILY TIGS GAME (Apple Street) - sent "R.C."; ULTIMATUM (Bates Games) - sent "R.C."; TRIVIAL PYRAMID (JMBL Corp.); HOT RODS OF THE GODS (West End Games). Ad by "Midwest Marketing Consultants" for P-H-D, STRETCH CALL, & QUADULAR. Ad by "JMBL Corp." for TRIVIAL PYRAMID. Ad by "CBE Corp." for TRAVEL BUFF - sent "R.C." Also in "Sneak Preview" - CHARTBUSTERS (KOS - Pro).

Rcd. envelope w. the questions on DOORWAYS - -.

Rcd. "Certified" envelope from "The Mini-T Corp." (See tomorrow.)

Call from Meisenheimer, Thomas to check if I rcd. THWART. He asked if I thought I could improve the rules. I'll look at them and talk abt. it when I see him at his booth at TOY FAIR. I asked, and he didn't send me RINGMASTER! THE CIRCUS GAME.

Called "Random House" & finally got to Gerald Harrison's sect. He is the one who will be dealing w. "Warren." Told her abt. my books w. "Random House" & "Pantheon." She took my no. & he'll call. I asked for his number: Gerald Harrison - ((572-2683)).

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In talk w. Roy DeVries "Jumbo" came up & I told him abt. my problem. He will be seeing Obbens who will be in for TOY FAIR and will ask him to call me.

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Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#85 - Jan.). Reviews of BLOOD BOWL (Games Workshop); on AD&D adventure (TSR); ELLERY QUEEN MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME (Mayfair); A STAR TREK adventure (FASA). Ad by "Games Workshop" for PRICE OF FREEDOM, HAWKMOON, ROBOT WARRIORS (book), IMPERIAL EARTH, FIRELAND. "On the Road" - 2 encounters for WARHAMMER. Article on STAR TREK: THE ROLE-PLAYING GAME. Ad by Gary Gygax & 2 others for "New Infinity Productions". Article on "Entertainers" in BUSHIDO. A TALE TO TELL - a complete adventure for RUNEQUEST III. Ad for RUNEQUEST (Games Workshop). Article on "Swords of PENDRAGON". Ad for JUMP FORCE (Storm Games). Ad for FIRELAND & IMPERIAL EARTH (K Society, Inc.). Ad for FURTHER INTO FANTASY (PBM) (The Laboratory). Ad for THE UNTAMED LAND (Treland Games). Ad for WARHAMMER FANTASY ROLEPLAY (boxed

Going over the questions on DOORWAYS -- I rcd. yesterday - making notes on the repros.

Call from Gerald Harrison's asst. She suggested that I call "Wayren" in Indiana: Denise Dorsey-Zinn ((317-447-2151)). When I set up an appointment, Harrison will try to join us.

Called Denise Dorsey-Zinn. Told her abt. AGOG, BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY GAME, etc. She said that, altho they feel that MURDER SHE WROTE has probably run its course, they want to move further into family games. She prefers just to talk at our first meeting, since she will be rushed. Set 2/12 @ 2 P.M. to meet; she'll contact Harrison abt. it.

Rcd. "Certified" envelope w. info on "The Mini-T Corp." - who do an electric toy car. PLAYTHINGS must have transcribed a number on the "Reader's Card" incorrectly. (Yesterday.) Sent letter to them today. (?)

Called Mark Herman @ "Victory Games." I can come for his FRANCE 1944. He got a long distance call from Sweden, and quickly told me to call to arrange a time.

Rcd. letter from Joseph W. Callero w. questions on his CAMPAIGN (Family Affair Game Co.). Enclosed revised rules & SSAE.

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January 1987

Franklin D. Roosevelt born 1882

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From Jan Elston rcd. contracts for SCORE UP ($275) & CHEKIT review.

Called Felicia @ the hospital. Just leaving & very perturbed. She called me later from home & she was better. Told her I'd get catalogs for her.

Call from Gary Sherbell ((996-7622)). Confirmed that I and the mag. rcd. SUE FOR A MILLION. We discussed my feeling that it was basically an abstract game, that DOOLITTLE & WAITE has more of a legal flavor. He said his was a better game - altho he hasn't played D. & W. Told him I'd definitely play it once GAMES begins to need new reviews.

Call from Larry Harris. He asked how I was doing w. MY PHANTASY. Told him I just didn't have the chance to prepare a prototype, but pretty well had the play worked out, but not the phantasies. He thinks I should talk to Jill Ottinger abt. it when she is in for TOY FAIR. She is in Europe now but he suggested that I call her boss, Alan Pitkanen ((213-978-5150)) - at "Mattel" in CA; he knows of me. Larry doesn't want to go to CA; John Vernon would like him to come to "Coleco/S.E.R." but he hasn't rcd. an offer from them yet. Joe Martin also doesn't want to go to CA. I asked abt. Mel Taft and Larry said he was "dead wood." The article on me came up and he hasn't seen it. Promised to send him repos @ the "Mattel East" address.

Called "Mattel" in CA and asked for Alan Pitkanen. His sect. said that he wasn't involved w. outside submissions. She connected me to Norma Milldrum, who I believe works under Jill Ottinger. Jill will be tied up for the entire time. Norma will meet me from 1:00 to 1:30 P.M. on 2/9 - at the "Essex House" - room 455. She'll send a confirming letter. Larry Harris didn't seem to mean much to anyone I spoke to in CA.

Call from Robin King. She landed a job that seems interesting. She'll let me know if she changes the date of the "Mensa" meeting to 2/21.

Call from John Johnson. Told him that Felicia was back fr. hospital; that he could get into TOY FAIR by mentioning that he is representing her.

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took her card; she did "Lucky Duck" for "Discovery Toys" & INNER CIRCLE, which Abe Mor has been placing for her. Have card from Tony Morley of "Red Racer Studio", but can't remember him at all. Spoke to Garry Donner; he did 3 VCR games for "AH." & CEREBREAL ATTACK for "Mag-Nif". Spoke to Jules Cooper; he did JITTERS. Said "hello" to Charles Phillips & Hank Atkins. Pretty sure I spoke to Phil Orbanes before party started; chances for CAN'T STOP are good; FUN CITY is by Charles Phillips - he also did the board for BOGGLE Bowl but it was completely redone & the royalty is less - actually Charles presented 26 completely finished models last yr.; told Phil I liked Laurie Curran's idea for CAN'T STOP, but it should be played to 4 cols. w. 3 players or 5 cols. w. 2 players. Gave same info to Laurie Curran.

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Saturday 31

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Rcd. package from "The Rowland Co." w. letter signed by Amy Howland. "Press Kit" w. info on MAX BACKTALK - a development fr. SIMON; WIN, LOSE OR DRAW - which seems to cover same ground as PICTIONARY; JITTERS (WORD GAME); TORPEDO RUN!; FIREBALL ISLAND; FEED ME!; SHOGUN & FORTRESS AMERICA - altho not new; THUNDER ROAD; JENGA from "Schaper" - and some children's items; HEADACHE - joining TROUBLE; Three new "Travel" games - OTHELLO, HI-Q, TROUBLE; sheet on STRATEGO; some children's items - including "Disney" VCR items. Mark Morris is the contact at "MB". Also included - copy of Travel YAHTZEE.

Letter from Thomas Knittler. BEYOND COMPETITION - Walter Luc Haas. "Anthology" - Reinhold Wittig, Martin Gardner, Alex Randolph, me.

Call fr. Sam Balabon ((2326 Winkler Ave., Apt. M205, Fort Meyers, FL 33911)). He saw the "Guru" article. He invented a game - FOR SALE - which from his description is an improvement of MONOPOLY. Spoke abt. his possibilities of selling it. He contacted "S&R." who refused to see it, and then "Coleco" who put him in touch w. someone - John Vernon. I asked - yes, Vernon hasn't been available lately, because of move to Hartford. He called "Apple Street" and they were very pleasant; "Cadaco" was very rude; "Warren" is looking - he said. He said he'd send me a copy. They are handmade but he is turning them out in quantities. He contacted the head of "Wallmart" (spelling) abt. getting 20 into each store on consignment. He asked if he could visit me during TOY FAIR - all booked up; but maybe we can meet shortly at the fair. We both agreed that GO FOR IT is pretty bad.

Noticed that we have date w. Corns on 2/21, called Robin King to tell her we couldn't make it then.

To visit the Laurences. Played TAKEOVER w. Phil - played very well.

Call fr. Felicia, during day, asking how Dale, etc. are feeling.

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S. Alden Inc. Sheet on THE PLAZA GAME, NYC, THE BIG APPLE, BEVERLY HILLS THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, LAS VEGAS - THE GAME; ELVIS, THE LAND DOWN UNDER.

AMAV Industries Ltd. Took catalog: 365 GAMES and others.

Koplow Games. Took catalog & w. dice, cards, and a few other things.

"P." party. Looked at line. New are BUMPER CARS, FUN CITY, INSTANT REPLAY, CLUE II VCR MYSTERY GAME, LET'S GO TO THE RACES!; INSTANT INSANITY - comeback; BOGGLE BOWL; NERF TABLE HOCKEY; PERCEPTRON.

Spoke to George Castanis; he did GRANDMA'S TRUNK for "Hoyle"; told him of getting WHO'S ON FIRST? for Mark Setteducati - George said he could have given Mark one. Spoke to Mark Setteducati; he did BINGO BANDIT for "Pressman" & OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS for "International Games".

Spoke to Ron Dubren; he did THE NEXT WORD (previously LETTER RING) & NUMBER QUEST for "Decipher" - LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH & FAMOUS for "Pressman."

Spoke to Tom Wilson & Bruce Lund of "I.D.E.A." - & took their card; they did FIREBALL ISLAND for "MB". Spoke to [redacted] Virginia Charves &

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1 Sunday
February 1987

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
National Freedom Day
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Call fran Herb Levy. They are free on 2/6. Because of the possibility of BB having to go to Dale again, he offered to come here, & I accepted.

Called Claude in answer to message on machine last night. Claude out and spoke to Anne. Told her abt. ROTATION by "Tony" (see 1/17) and its possible resemblance to a patent that Claude once got. She'll decide on how to tell him abt. it. Call fran Claude and we spoke abt. it. I suggested his going into "Tony" during TOY FAIR. Also to get in by contacting Ed Waxman of "G.F.R.", and then talking to him abt. WATCH.

Heard Will Shortz on WNYC, Puzzle on soda fountain, gun hiccups (spelling?).

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KRYPTO, SUM-WORDS (a royalty was sent to Frank Armbruster, and the letter was returned undeliverable ??), & WATCH. Someone mentioned BIG FUNERAL as being sick; I told them that it was before you died, and it is a great game.

- Rennoc Corp. Spoke to Dick Conner abt. possibility of getting together w. Felicia for a meal - but nothing definite.
- Marlon Creations Inc. Spoke to Micheal J. Rehns & took his card. He said there was a new edition of "Spear's" FLUTTER. Call him after TOY FAIR for review copies.

At "Press Room" took the following info.

- ☐ Benlyn Gamecraft, Ltd. "Press Kit" on "Rubber Band Shooting".
- ☐ Bee Wise Games. Sheets on HISTORY & HOTSEATS.
- ☐ Amuse Inc. "Press Kit" w. info on I-QUBE, ZEUS CARD GAMES; Biography of Stewart Lamle, w. mention of GIVE AND TAKE; Notes on puzzles.
- ☐ BDJ Enterprises, "Press Kit" on THE WINE CONNOISSEUR.
- ☐ Atari. "Press Kit" w. much info on the co. One folder w. pictures of KARATEKA, LODE RUNNER, SKY FOX, ONE-ON-ONE BASKETBALL, WINTER GAMES, IMPOSSIBLE MISSION, SUMMER GAMES, CHOPLIFTER!, TOUCHDOWN FOOTBALL, RESCUE ON FRACTALUS!, BALLBLAZER, SUPER HUEY, SOLARIS, MIDNIGHT MAGIC, JR. PAC-MAN, POLE POSITION.
- ☐ Ideal - Subsidiary of View-Master. Took "press kit" - but kept just sheets on TOSS ACROSS, KERPLUNK, REBOUND, TIP-IT, & others.
- ☐ Global Trends. "Press Kit" on INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE.
- ☐ The Games Gang. "Press Kit" w. info on the new co. and the following games: PICTIONARY; WINNING WORDS; SHOGI; JAGGER; TRICKY FINGERS; SUDZ; FAST FAX; YOUR MONEY; THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.
- ☐ Broderbund Games. Took "Press Kit" for PERSONAL PREFERENCE.
- ☐ International Games. Took "Press Kit" on STUN, OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS - 3 diff. puzzles.
- ☐ Midwest Marketing Consultants. Sheets on: STRETCH CALL (El Ricco, Inc.); P.H.D. (THE PURSUIT OF HUMOR AND DECEPTION) (EM2 Enterprises); EXECUTIVE VENTURE (Executive Playthings); QUADULAR (HPH Development Inc.); WHO'S POOR?! (HPH Dev. Inc.); PRIORITIES (Cyprus Enterprises).
- ☐ Boynton Games. "Press Kit" on U.S.A. TRIVIA.
- ☐ Ronin Enterprises, Inc. Sheets & pictures on KUMITE, RANDORI, THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR.
- ☐ Universal Games. Sheets on MEGA-RAIDER.
- ☐ Dict. Sheets on DICT.

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Monday 2
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Called Mark Herman at "Victory." Ill pick up a copy of FRANCE 1944 tomorrow.

Call from Chuck Luchsinger; asking whether Felicia came from hospital yet - yes, a few days ago. He mentioned ~~saying~~ wanting to see "Schaper" during TOY FAIR; told him someone took them over, which he didn't know; couldn't remember who. (Later checked & it was "MB" that took over their games.)

Call from Sandra Liloia, she was overloaded Fri. Agreed that my answers to her questions will take too long on the phone. I'll repro the letters w. my comments and mail them to her. She appreciated my help.

Working on expanding my comments, and then inked them in.

Call from Rich Hauson. He & Laurie Abbel will be in N.Y. for TOY FAIR from 2/7 thru 2/14. Arranged that we'll meet at the registration desk on 2/11 @ 4:00 P.M., and then come up here for supper. I asked if he gets GAMES mag; at a newsstand; told him I'm in Feb./Mar. issue. He said that BAZAAR is coming along well. I asked abt. seeing the rules before they are finalized; maybe he'll bring them w. him. I asked abt. EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE (but I may have said ENCHANTED FOREST by mistake) - he thought he sent it to me, but he'll check.

Called Wayne Schmittberger. He'll be there tomorrow.

In talk w. Rich Hauson I asked abt. --MAKES ONE & TOTALLY. Others are looking at them, but he hasn't had the chance. He said maybe we'll play them when they get here; said that I don't have as good a model as I sent to them - probably he'll bring them, they are small.

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Catalog. Took copy of GRAND MASTER. Was told I'd be sent the new ones & last yrs. New are RAISE THE TITANIC GAME, LEGEND OF CAMELOT, and GALAXY COMMAND - got rules for these 3. ANT EATER also new, but for ages 4 to 10; GRANDMA'S TRUNK also new. Last year's (I think): CRIME BUSTERS; THE PEOPLE'S COURT; POCKET CHARADES; POCKET PRINCIPLES; POCKET TRIVIA oldev. Decipher, Inc. Spoke to Warren L. Holland, Jr. and took his card - he wrote in a tel. no. (800-654-3939). Took catalog w. the following, and looked at the new ones; HOW TO HOST A MURDER; INK BLOTZ - THE GAME; THE NEXT WORD - Ron Dubren's LETTER-RING w. new name; NUMBER QUEST - also by Ron Dubren; NO DICE - changed by Tom Braunlich from a 4-hand game by Jim Winslow; THE BRAIN GAME - which Warren said wasn't great (!); TELLING LIES. Spoke abt. my submitting games to him; he has heard abt. me and my collection; he'll come here when he is in N.Y.C. (Don't remember which review copies I asked for.

Bandai America, Inc. Took card & Press kit. FAMILY FUN FITNESS works on NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM - w. 5 games; HURDLES, ANIMAL TRAIL, DARK TUNNEL, HOP A LOG, RAFTING (saw demonstration of this). Also SPACEWARP - which is not a game.

G. & R. Looked @ MARENKO: THE PHRASE GAME (Maxigames '85) - something abt. using cards w. words to form phrases - but can't remember details. Spoke to Mr. Reidel; his daughter works for "The Library of Congress"; when he talks to her he'll ask her to check whether there would be any interest in my collection. They are still selling

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3 Tuesday 1/28

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To GAMES. Wayne Schmittberger gave me RINGMASTER (Cadaco-Ellis '47) - return address of M. Augestine ((P.O. Box 1304, Big Timber, MT 59011)). We'll get together after TOY FAIR to discuss it, possibly in a restaurant. They pretty surely won't be moving until their lease runs out in Oct. They are working hard on plans for alternate month special editions - the listing of "all" games will probably be in the fall and will replace GAMES 100 in the regular mag. I ask abt. Burt Hochberg; hasn't found a job yet, but is working on an article on Computer Game Cos. Roy DeVries came in and I mentioned HAGGLE; Wayne gave it a plug. I suggested his looking to AGOG, but Wayne said that there wasn't a copy there. I'll bring one next time.

Made repros of rules for THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UB (S. & R.) & MIND DANCE (Polyconcepts Corp.); made repros of complete info on REAJ (no co. name on the repros) & ANNEX (Sterling Games Inc.) - some mat'l. copied from inside of box cover. Took 3 more copies of Feb./Mar. GAMES; made 10 sets of repros of [redacted] article on me. Made repros of the 10 letters on DOORWAYS -- w. my comments; (mailed them to Sandra Lilola in evening). Made 24 repros of DOORWAYS TO MYSTERY into 6 sheet. Gave Jan Elstun signed copies of my contracts for SCORE UP & CHEKIT review.

Spoke to Scott Manley. He had a game EXECUTIVE VENTURE (Executive Plaything '86) - which he said was a trivia game based on obtruse business facts, very boring. Asked him abt. CAT AND MOUSE (Playline) - info all there in Nov. '86 GAMES 100; except that a pile is limited to 3 high (Burt has the copy).

John Keenen gave me the following: Letter from James A. Disbrow, abt. his TISSA (variation of NINE MEN'S MORRIS), w. 2 booklets and 2 sets of playing pcs.; Letter from Della Kay Castiglione asking abt. where to get Spanish [redacted] GAMES; Letter from C.F. Light abt. a GAME he invented - enclosed SSAE; Letter from William Kurt Minton abt. getting copy of NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON, for his jail. He also gave me a card to bring for my TOY FAIR badge - from TMA. Roy DeVries asked how my games at "Pressman" & elsewhere were doing. I brought up HAGGLE again, but he didn't seem very interested. He is thinking of coming out w. 3 items - but he knows they'll be knocked off. John Keenen also gave me copy of [redacted] BANDAZZLE GAME ALBUM that came w. covering note from Brian Alexander (see 1/12).

To "Victory Games." Mark Herman left to work on preparations for TOY FAIR. Someone else gave me copy of FRANCE 1944. Spoke to him abt. PATTON & MACARTHUR; he said they sounded interesting, but speak to Mark.

BB got call from an inventor of a GAME. He'll call tomorrow morning.

BB got call from Felicia. Would I work w. her w. other inventors, sharing her fee. BB said that I couldn't handle it - exhausted after a trip downtown & hypertension: Felicia cut it very short. But then she called again to gab. She heard from Maria & Bill Riva that they are coming to NY. - Bill abt. taxes.

Rcd. letter fr. Joli Kansil: article on me; GAMES on way out?; Jed Gaines; KRAKATOA at P.; TOURING of '3) if I want it.

Rcd. invite to "Mattel" showing on 2/11 - answer by 2/2 (!!). "Hosts" are Jill Ottinger & Norma Milldrum.

Rcd. report from "Pantheon" - A$ of 9/30/86. $283.45 in the hole. But only AGOG & CALCULATE are listed (??).

Called Rich Hanson to see if date on 2/11 could be changed. Out sick. Asked for Laurie Abel and she left for day. Asked for one to call me.

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Call from Texas, the one who called BB yesterday. His daughter-who also was on - & her husband invented a GAME based on guessing the correct definitions of words. Finally convinced the father that there have just been too many of them - maybe 5 yrs. from now. He saw the article on me & found my no.

John Keenen gave me some envelopes yesterday for the foreign stamps. Found a letter in one & called him. Just discard it.

Going over mat'l. I took yesterday and found that I took the original rules - as well as the repros - for READ. Called, and Wayne Schmittberger told me to mail them (did), Transferred to Scott Marley to answer my question on the dice in the game.

Called Claude to tell him abt. "Personality & Sense of Humor" that Wayne let me take yesterday. He doesn't have it.

Later call from Anne & Claude to wish me a happy birthday.

Rcd. yearly report from Madge & Brad Hessel. Mention of COBRA - that he invented.

Rcd. check for $13.43 from "P." for CAN'T STOP in Germany - '86.

Called Felicia. Told her I certainly want to help her, but don't want any cut. She said that someone is coming to show an improved version of a strategy GAME she saw before. She'd like my honest opinion. I'll be there on 2/10 abt. 10 to 10:30 A.M. She again said that she'd split with me if she sells the game, but I said "no."

Call from Michael Gray. Someone there is interested in which co put out GREEN GHOST, abt. '68, and he told them there was one person who would have the answer - it was "Transogram." He won't be at TOY FAIR this yr. I asked, and his new items for this yr. are SHOGUN and a redo of GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS. I asked, and he knew that the redo of MOUSE TRAP is mine. He said that "MB" is looking for a card game and he thinks that HIGH SPIRITS would be just right - it is o.k. to say that he has seen it and likes it. I asked, and the ones to show it to are Mike Meyers or Mike Langieri, and they both will be at TOY FAIR. He said that it was a shame that DOMINATION didn't make it. ~~He said that children's games with some kind of a little gimmik would be good possibilities. Also~~ CAN'T STOP could be a possibility - told him that "P." may be re-doing it. ~~He said that something at that level would be good for the children's time~~ Spoke abt. "Mattel" - Larry Harris has resigned; Joe Martin is staying around to close up, but won't go to CA. Talked abt. the possibility of his coming for a visit, but nothing definite. He asked if I heard from a museum, etc. from the article on me. No. He said [redacted] to remember him if I start dispersing the collection.

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First Quarter
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Letter from Norma Milldrum; abt. our date on 2/9. Enclosed a supply of "disclosure forms"
Rcd. check for $100, for BOX OFFICE review in Feb/Mar. '87 GAMES.

Call from Rich Hanson. Changed our date to 2/12. Larry Waide will probably be able to come then too.

Call from Larry Mass; back from England. They didn't get a chance to try TAKEOVER - is it OK. if Tom Kremer holds onto it for awhile - of course, Tom didn't think he could do anything w. ANOTHER - I'll get the model back. Tom liked ACROSS very much; he is thinking abt. some kind of theming, and may have another model made. Larry gave Tom the rules for CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT - he didn't get a chance to read them himself. Tom will talk to "Jumbo" abt. them at "Nuremberg." Larry said that Obbens will be stopping in to see him during TOY FAIR, and will ask him to call me. I'll stop by during 2nd wk. Larry said that children's GAMES w. some kind of a little gimmik would be easier to place; something at the level of CAN'T STOP. I questioned him on this and he said that it is good for from 8 yrs. up. He asked me abt. IMPULSE; another name under which ACROSS was shown; the gal didn't make it clear in the telex.

Call from Felicia. Did I get an announcement of Bill Riva's new address in Switzerland; no. She said it sounds impressive, she rcd. it today.
Call from Felicia. Michael Gray called her yesterday to ask for my no. What did he want? The co. that did GREEN GHOST - and to gab, since he wasn't coming to TOY FAIR.

When talking to Rich Hanson asked if I requested ENCHANTED FOREST instead of EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE. I did, and he already sent it. He'll send me EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE too.

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- Sterling Games. Come Thurs. for copy of ANNEX.
- Victory Games. Took catalog from Mark Herman (see abv.): DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX, PLAYBOY: THE GAME OF ELEGANT LIFESTYLES; BULL STRIKE, AMBUSH!, HELL'S HIGHWAY, THE CIVIL WAR, NATO, VIETNAM, 1809: NAPOLEON'S DANUBE CAMPAIGN, MOVE OUT, PANZER COMMAND, COLD WAR, PURPLE HEART, PAX BRITANNICA, SIXTH FLEET, PACIFIC WAR, MOSBY'S RAIDERS, BATTLE HYMN, AEGEAN STRIKE, THE KOREAN WAR, 2ND FLEET, FRANCE 1944, JAMES BOND 007 ROLE PLAYING - many items.
- Cadaco. Spoke to Dan Monahan: only new game, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GAME is very simple.
- Rainbow Games. Spoke to Adrian Farris and took his card. Played a game of STRANDED & I'm to come back for a copy. He gave me copies of 2 children's card games - CARDFORMERS. Took catalog sheets for these & TAKE A LETTER, HALLEY'S REVENGE, SPIROMANIA.
- Hoyle Products. Spoke to Scott Ensley (National Sales Manager) & Penny Gill (of Penny Gill Communications) - and took cards from both. Took press kit, including (- Schwartz Pub. Relations Assoc.)

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Friday 6
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Visit from Lynn & Herb Levy. Herb brought me repro of the rules for MASTER NEXUS - which I misplaced after getting him a repro, He brought me TIME WAR (Yaquinto) - which I didn't think I had, but wasn't sure. This was for the "small" game he owed me - and took copy of PUSHOVER (Alladin dup. of 7/14/79) to even things up. Gave him the repros of FERRY COMMAND (MMB) rules & G.&P. #12 I made for him last yr. Herb & I played CAT AND MOUSE (Playtime), using POKER chips so that it wasn't necessary to remember the pcs. that were covered; w. intelligent play it never ends. Played DOORWAYS TO MYSTERY; BB & I tied w. +13 - they tied w. -2, but it was the first time they played; they liked it. Used a scoring of +5 for first chip in if correct, and -5 if wrong; +or -4 for next, etc. Get +2 for each chip not placed in your container. Lynn had all 4 items matching after she used her "Fifth Amendment" cards. (Later thought of a possible solution. If you match all 4 in the 6th row or later, you may "lie" and give any no. you wish.) Set next date, there on 2/27.

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took his card.

article and, He said he'd like to come w. John Vernon; of course. Took "S&R" catalog: SCRABBLE, WORD RUMMY, PERQUACKEY, TV SCRABBLE, SENTENCE CUBE GAME, SCRABBLE REBUS; PERFECTION, SUPERFECTION; HEAD TO HEAD PERFECTION; TIPSY TOWER, BARREL OF MONKEYS, STUFF IT!, TANK STRIKE; PARCHEESI, KISMET, WHODUNIT, GO FOR BROKE, AGGRAVATION, PUNCHLINE; THE WORLD ACCORDING TO YOU; TRIVIAL PURSUIT various editions, including TRIVIAL PURSUIT POCKET PACK. Was given a spinner/marker for "Pocket Pack." (Later checked the picture of PUNCHLINE against PUNCHLINES (Avant.) and they looked quite diff. Also looked at PUNCHLINE (Pi.) and it was completely diff.)

MIB. Spoke to Mark Morris, who tried to locate Mike Meyers for me, without success. Took my number, for Meyers to call me. Shown turn line. New are FIREBALL ISLAND; THUNDER ROAD; TORPEDO RUN; HOLLYWOOD SQUARES; WIN, LOSE OR DRAW, JENGA; MAX BACKTALK, SHOGUN; Travel versions of YAHTZEE, BATTLESHIP, CONNECT FOUR, PLAY ON WORDS, OTHELLO, TROUBLE, HI-Q, JITTERS. Took catalog to add to folder of 1/31. Spoke to Sara Coulter - from "The Rowland Co." Asked for review copies of JITTERS, SHOGUN, and THUNDER ROAD. Her no. ((212-688-1200)). (Later thinking that I should also ask for WIN, LOSE OR DRAW.) Spoke to young lady there and she was interested in my collection, etc. Gave her copy of ~~Fen~~ Feb/Mar. GAMES and my address & no. Took her card, and she is w. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL in Boston.

ed. letter from LeEarl Bryant of "Genealogy for Fun, Inc." Info on their GENERATIONS, including repro of letter to Wayne Schmittberger, and some newspaper pcs.

ed. "Fed. Ex." mailing w. BAZAAR rules and covering letter from Laurie Abel. Found a few things, but nothing serious.

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7 Saturday
February 1987

Checked, & I rcd. copy of TIME WAR (Yaquinto) @ ORIGINS on 6/28/86.

Rcd. sheet from "Rowland" w. dates for seeing "MB" etc. Plug for FIREBALL ISLAND, JITTERS, & TORPEDO RUN.

Called Herb Levy to tell him I had TIME WAR. No problem; he'll get me either another war game or 2 non-war games. I asked, and what he picked up today was RUSSIAN ROULETTE (S.&R.), LANDSLIDE (P.) and MUSIC TRIVIA -- none of which I wanted. The list that John Farewell sent me on 12/10/86 (rcd. on) came up; he also got the listing, but not from John I believe. Herb suggested that I let him know which games on that list I need, so that he can look for them.

($7.59)

Called Eamon Bloomfield @ 6 P.M., and he said he had a note to call me @ 7 P.M. (our time). Last minute decision, and he is coming to TOY FAIR. [redacted] He'll be coming in on 2/11. We have date for 2/16. Ian Livingstone is coming in late on 2/10; he would like to come here, but will only be available on 2/11 or 2/12, both of which I have other dates for. Talked abt. possibility of all of us going to "Mattel" party on 2/11 and then coming here; we'll have to work out. Eamon said there is very little of interest in England. The best selling item last yr. was his SPORTS TRIVIA (which I rcd. on 8/25/86), He said that since I know people at "MB", could I get 6 copies of the rules for AXIS & ALLIES - for people who have copies of the original edition. Told him that the people I knew from "MB" have all left, but I'll try; he said not to bother.

Visit from Lawrence's. Played HIGH SPIRITS and it played well. The others suggested more topical names for the "spirits." During day thinking of a variation to CAT AND MOUSE. When a player moves a pc. from a pile, the opponent cannot touch either of the parts in any way; if only one pile remains, it cannot be touched. Played once w. Phil & it seemed to come to a definite conclusion.

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Fri. @ 5 P.M. Took envelope of ad mat'l. and kept the following: "Ravensburger pages from "International Playthings" catalog & page w. RAMI (Quercetti); small "Ravensburger" catalog; part of "Dover Books" catalog MIND-BOGGLING MAZES, 101 PUZZLES IN THOUGHT AND LOGIC, and a lot of others.

- Coleco. Met Richard Levy. Told him that I tried @ GAMES w. the mat'l. he sent me several yrs. ago - but they said "no." He did THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GAME for "Cadaco" and gave me a catalog - nothing else new. His 6 yr. old daughter did a game for "The Ungame Co." called HERE COMES THE BRIDE GAME and gave me their folder - also new is TRAVEL (which I rcd. in '86, from "The Games Guild"). Richard was waiting to see Bill Dohrmann. Was shown thru the "S.&R." line. Said hello to Stan Clutten. Met John Vernon, and he said he'd contact me abt. coming to look at items for them; Told him he owed me a copy of UBI - he'll bring me that and others that I request when he comes here. Spoke further w. Gene Murtha and played a little of Same Game (which?) w. him. Gave him repro of "Guru"

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Sunday 8 February 1987

From NEWS clipped review of WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CARMEN SANDIEGO? (Broderbund).

Visit from Dale F. Played a couple of games of SORRY! w. her & Brian, then 1 w. Brian alone.

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Pc. on "Travel Games" w. TRAVEL AMERICA; Ad by "West End" for GHOSTBUSTERS & modules. Ad by "Rachat" for CORPORATE PURSUIT; Ad by "J.W. Small Co." for CORRUPTION; Pc. on "Binary Arts" w. SPIN-OUT. Pc. on "The Games Gang" w. PICTIONARY, TRICKY FINGERS, FAST FAX, SUDZ, JAGGER, WINNING WORDS. Ad for LAZER TAG (Worlds of Wonder). Classified Ad for MYDI!

THE TOY BOOK (Feb. '87). Kept only the following pages. Pc. on Gary Gygax starting "New Infinities Productions." Pc. on "games" w. quotes by Mark Morris, James Prossman, & others, Pc. on "Random House" acquiring "Warren," "DMR" w. CHASSE, KASSLE, STEPPE; "El Ricco" w. STRETCH CALL; "HPH Development" w. WHO'S POOR?; "Trigame Enterprises w. TRI-CHESS; "Pressman" w. LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS; "International Games" w. STUN; "Naipes Experience, Inc." w. NAIPES ESPECIAL; "University Games" w. TWENTY QUESTIONS; "S&R," w. UBI; "Western Publ," w. SOLARQUEST; "VCR Enterprises" w. VCR BASKETBALL; "Fawley Football" w. FAWLEY FOOTBALL; "Gambit Games" w. THERAPY: THE GAME; "Rapport Enterprises" w. RAPPORT; "Ravensburger" w. THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTH; "Tabby" w. HOSTAGE; "Spencer Price" w. EDUCATED GUESS; "Universal Games" w. MEGA-RAIDER; "TSR" w. LAZER TAG OFFICIAL LIVE ACTION HANDBOOK, CHASE II, CHEERS. Ads: "Midwest Marketing Consultants" w. STRETCH CALL, P.H.D., QUADULAR; "Decipher" w. NO DICE, TELLING LIES, INKBLOTZ-THE GAME, THE NEXT WORD, NUMBER QUEST, THE BRAIN GAME, DECIPHER II, HOW TO HOST A MURDER; "Universal Games" w. MEGA-RAIDER; "Rapport Enterprises" w. RAPPORT; "Dict. Inc." w. DICT.; "Trigame Enterprises" w. TRI-CHESS. Pc. on "Sweetheart Dice" from "Koplow Games." Pc. on "Imperial Toy Corp." w. SQIRTRON. Pc. on licensing of UBI (Horn Abbott Ltd.), Pc. on DR. RUTH'S COMPUTER GAME OF GOOD SEX.

TOY TRADE NEWS (2/9/87). Article on "New Technology Threshold Crossed As Interactive Toys Debut" w. TECH FORCE (Axlon) & CAPTAIN POWER (Mattel).

TOY & HOBBY WORLD SHOW DAILY (2/9/87). Kept article on "Don't Tell Anybody But Video Games are Back" w. TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE GAME (Wizard Video Games), NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM, SEGA MASTER SYSTEM; ad by "Spencer Price Inc." for EDUCATED GUESS.

Met Tom Braunlich. He worked on NO DICE for "Decipher." He helped w. the reissue of JAGGER for "Western Publ." (Made date to meet at P.M. on Fri. @ Javits Center) HEADS AND TAILS

International Playthings, Spoke to Martine Redman. She gave me copy of THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTH (Ravensburger). She showed me how there are 36 (not sure of this no.) square cards w. pictures on both sides; there are 8 each of diff. objects - such as apples - w. diff. matching of the sides; cards are dealt out in 6x6 square randomly; each player has 1 object; on a turn flip a card, if your object flip again; win by getting all 8 of yours up. She hasn't heard from Werner Schlegel but took my number to have him call me. Gave me invite to cocktail party on

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To Essex House for meeting with Norma Milldrum of "Mattel". Told her abt. MY PHANTASY; and in the conversation PATTON & MACARTHUR came up, and she thought there might be interest in them. George Volonakis is the one in charge & she'll have him call me. Gave her repro of "Guru of Games" article. She mentioned ~~[illegible]~~ being a good friend of Filis Frederick, told her that I reviewed DESIGN AND SELL TOYS, GAMES & CRAFTS. Told her that I rcd. the invite to "Mattel" party after the return date; no problem, and ok. to bring Eamen Bloomfield & Ian ~~[illegible]~~ Livingstone. At end of my half hour Joe Wetherell came in, & we said hello. In morning prepared "disclosure form" describing MY PHANTASY as "A social game where you try to advance towards the 'Ultimate Goal', Sometimes you succeed by getting others to tune into your phantasy. But there are times when your object is to lead them astray. (Since I didn't leave a model she returned the form to me.) ~~but I can't find it~~ Mentioned TREASURES--etc.

To 200 Fifth & took the following, at Press Room & Elsewhere:

- ☐ Press Kit from "TMA" - w. history of TOY FAIR, Fact Book, and more.
- ☐ TOY & HOBBY WORLD (Feb. '87), Article on "Coleco" closing "S&R" facilities on L.I.; also that "Coleco" has taken over "Tomy," Ad by "Golden Western" w. OUTBURST, SOLARQUEST, OUT OF CONTEXT. Ad by "Bandai America, Inc." for ATHLETIC WORLD GAME PAK w. ANIMAL TRAIL, DARK TUNNEL, HURDLES, RAFTING, & HOP A LOG - for use w. NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM. Ad by "Matchbox" for RUBIK'S MAGIC (w. "Seven Towns Ltd." mentioned as owner of the TM's). Ad by "TSR" for LAZER TAG: THE OFFICIAL GAME HANDBOOK. Pc. on SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO RUBIK'S MAGIC (Bantam Books). Pc. on CORPORATE PURSUIT (Rachat, Inc.) - John Nason is VP/marketing). Pc. on "P." w. INSTANT INSANITY, BUMPER CARS, and some other mat'l. (In connection w. INSTANT INSANITY, who was it who said that when a royalty check was sent to Frank Armbruster, it was returned undelivered?) Pc. on "Western Publ." w. SOLARQUEST. Pc. on MEGA-RAIDER (Universal Games). Pc. on "Nintendo of America" w. PUNCH OUT!!, PRO-WRESTLING, VOLLEYBALL, SLALOM, THE LEGEND OF ZELDA; other cos products for NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM: "Bandai of America" - NINJA KID, M.U.S.C.L.E.; "Capcom U.S.A." - 1942, COMMANDO, GHOSTS 'N GORLINS, TROJAN, GUNSMOKE; "Data East U.S.A." - TAG TEAM WRESTLING, KARATE CHAMP, RING KING, BUMP-N-JUMP, BURGERTIME; "Konami Inc." - GRADIUS, TRACK & FIELD, RUSH 'N ATTACK; "SNK Corp. of America" - IKARI WARRIORS. Pc. on "VCR Enterprises" w. VCR BASKETBALL & VCR QUARTERBACK. Ad by "Entertech" for GOTCHA!; and for PHOTON. Ad by "Patomike, Inc." for THWART. Pc. on ATHLETIC WORLD GAME ~~PAK~~ PAK (Bandai America). Ad by "Cardinal" for VIDEO BINGO & 2 "TV" related games. Pc. on "Apple Street" & THE FAMILY TIES GAM Ad for MEGA-RAIDER (Universal Games). Pc. on "DECIPHER" w. 2 new additions to HOW TO HOST A MURDER - HOO HUNG WOO & THE CHICAGO CAPERS, picture of Warren Holland & "Vincent Price". Pc. on "University Games" w. 2 additions to their MURDER MYSTERY PARTY line & TWENTY QUESTIONS. Letter from pres. of "Tabby" to the mag. abt. HOSTAGE - THE BOARD GAME. In pc. on "British Exhibitors" mention of SPACE DICE (Present Games). Pc. on "Pressman" w. LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS, BINGO BANDIT, THE THREE STOOGES VCR GA Pc. on "Tevele" w. SPORTZDICE, TRAVEL BUG, THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN HORSE RACING GA pc. on "Amuse" w. I-QUBE & ZEUS CARDS - w. AMBI, SOLO, & MARKET MADNES Ad by "P." for PERCEPTRON. Pc. on "Mattel" w. CATHEDRAL. Pc. on "Ikron/R.D. Retort" w. SUN SIGNS & WITCH HAZEL. Ad by "P." for INSTANT INSANITY. Pc. on "DMR Games" w. ALIGO, KAGE, STEPPE, CHASSE, & KASSLE.

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Red. J&S. #43. Article on CHESS. "Olympiades"; Revues: ARMADA (Jeux Descartes); AMBITION (Schmidt); JUNTA (Jeux Descartes); ROMA (I.T.); RENCONTRE COSMIQUE (Jeux Descartes); PENDRAGON (Chaosium-Gallimard); AVANT CHARLEMAGNE (Robert Laffont); MHING (Gogny Gonbert); BLUE STONES (I.T.); LE JEU DE ROLE DES TERRES DU MILIEU (I.C.E. - Hexagonal); SEXY-FOLIES (Jeux André Hadjez); LE SORCIER DE LA MONTAGNE DE FEU (Gallimard-Games workshop); DES LETTRES ET DES MOTS (Nathan). Some new games (pg. 4): "I.T." - GÉNÉRALOWSKI by celebrated Alex Randolph; EUREKA by no less celebrated Robert Abbott, & LANDSKNECHT; "Ravensburger" - TAPIS VOLANT, TINTIN; "Habourdin" - LE ROYAUME DES CINQ COURONNES; "Schmidt" - MURDER PARTY, BAZAAR; TITANIC, CHILL. Secrets of RUBIK'S MAGIC. Article on MURDER PARTY and other mass participation games. "Game history" w. TRICTRAC, JEU DE L'OIE, CHOUETTE, HOCA, & others. Article on SILENT SERVICE - in the category of FLIGHT SIMULATOR. "Jeux pour Micros": DOSSIER BOERHAAVE (Infogrames); HMS COBRA (Cobrasoft); UCHI MATA (Micropool); FUTURE KNIGHT (Micromania); INFILTRATOR (Micromania); BAZOOKA BILL (Micromania); ASTERIX ET LE CHAUDRON MAGIQUE (Micromania); DEEP SPACE (Microvidéo); TERA: LA CITÉ DES CRÂNES (Loriciels); SRAM (Eve Informatique); LE SECRET DU TOMBEAU D'AXAYACATL (Loriciels); TOBROUK (Eve Informatique); AVENGER (Micromania); MONOPOLY (Leisure Genius/Image Logiciel); ROADWAR 2000 (Sivéa); SUPER-GEODYSSEE (Coktel Vision); ANTIRIAD (Micromania); HARRY ET HARRY (Eve Informatique); NEXOR (Micromania); JAMES DEBUG (Coktel Vision); TOP SECRET (Loriciels); TRAP DOOR (Micromania); LIGHT FORCE (Ubi Soft); CRYSTANN: LE DONJON DE DIAMONT (Softbook). Program for L'AFFAIRE ASHENBY, "Et Vice Versa..."; [redacted] BLOCS by John Conway; TROLL; CAESARS; SKISO by François Pingaud. Regular columns on CHESS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BRIDGE, GO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO. PUTSCH AU PANADOR - complete game. Article on MEGA.

Felicia's. 2 women teachers came w. 2 games. LIFTOFF was nothing. FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS, using footprints of various animals had some possibilities and gave them some suggestions (don't remember much abt. it). Brought Felicia catalogs from "M.B." & "S.E.R".

200 Fifth Ave.

Met Richard Levy in lobby. He did see Bill Dohrmann last night. He will bring his items to Ct. after TOY FAIR.

Met Jerry Glickenhouse of "West End". At "Nuremburg" he saw Jürgen Hagedorn displaying BLOCKADE. I asked how the "Star Wars" GAMES were coming. Not too far along.

Cardinal. Spoke to Bonnie Berger & told her she never sent me copy of DOMINO BOARD GAME; never actually published. Took catalog - only item of interest to me is DICK CLARK'S WORD SHUFFLE, which I am to get in May. They also do VIDEO BINGO.

Mag-Nif. No new games. Spoke to Robert Rudolph, who is a rep there as well as having his own place. (But he is not listed in Directory?)

Victory Games (in rm. 306). Saw Mark Herman there and took his card. Spoke to him abt. PATTON & MACARTHUR (see 2/3); he thinks they would be better for "A.H." They are interested in non-war games and FOREIGN INTRIGUE; CHEAT A LITTLE, & FIGHT CITY HALL might fit. (see below)

Third Corp. Spoke abt. my review of STAK ATTACK. Came back for a other copy.

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Thomas A. Edison
born 1847
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Rcd. ad by "Quest Games" for their TACTICAL ASSAULT GROUP PBM game. (Addressed to Sidney Sackson PE,)

Rcd. SPIELBOX (Nr. 6, Dez. 86/Jan. 87). Ad by "F.X. Schmid" for LASKA. Ad by "Pinguin Neuheiten-Vertrieb" for QUARTAL. Article on Wolfgang Kramer - listing of his games: TEMPO, LEGEMAX, COUP, TRANS-CART, MONTE CARLO, WÖRTERSPASS, JAGD DURCH ENTENHAUSEN, NIKI LAUDA'S FORMEL 1, CAPTAIN FUTURE, DAS GROSSE LOGISTIK-SPIEL, FORMEL 1 NÜRBURGRING (ASS); SEQUENZ, CHECK-POINT (Spear); FAHRRAD-TOUR KREUZ UND QUER, CHARLIE, SUGUSLAND, NIL HOLGERSSONS WUNDERBARE REISE, DAS GROSSE UNTERN. ERDGAS, RETTE SICH, WER KANN!, BAU MIT, ABENTEUER TIERWELT, RÄUBERN, IN 80 TAGEN UM DIE ERDE, HEIMLICH & CO. (Ravensburger); IQ-SPIEL (Würtel + Co. Nr. 33); HEIMLICH & CO. (Edition Perlhuhn); BURGENLAND (Abra). Ad by "Hexagames" for POLDI'S FUSSBALL & POLDI'S TENNIS. Ad by "Schmidt Spiele" for DAS SCHWARZE AUGE & HAVENA. Ad by "MB" for KÄNGURUH, MANKOMANIA, SKRUPEL. Ad by "Herder Spiele" for STURMWOLKE AUS NORDWEST, ORIENT EXPRESS, AVENTURIA, & 12 others. Reviews: ARBORA/WALDLEBEN (Franck'sche Verlags-buchhandlung); SAUERBAUM (Johannes Tranelis); JADE KÖNIG (Wendel GmbH); CHICAGO (Big Bad Wolf); PLAY NET (Helmut Dressler). Article on "Election Games": MINISTER; WIR SPIELEN REGIERUNG; DIE WAHL-SCHLACHT (Schmidt Spiel); ~~DAS MANAGER-SPIEL~~, DIE MACHER (Hans-im Glück-Verlag); KANZLER-SCHLACHT (ASS); WAHLSPIEL (Urs Hostettler); VOX POPULI (~~Faser~~ Reiner Knizia). Complete game - NAPOLEON. Ad by "Hugendubel" for BLOCK-UND BLEISTIFTSPIELE & SPIELE FÜR ZWEI. "Besser Spielen": Rules for EINER IST IMMER DER...!; Strategy & Tactics in DIPLOMACY. Ad by "Rhenania Gruppe" for DAS GROSSE LOGISTIK-SPIEL. Article on "Denkspiele": Robert Abbott, EGG-HEAD, CODE 777, ELEUSIS. Ad by "Flying Turtle Games" for MAGELLAN, CHICAGO. "Aufgaben": SLEUTH, SCRABBLE, BOGGLE, MÜHLE, GO. Ad by "?" for PERPLEX. "Spielwiese" by Walter Luc Haas: "Essener Spielertage" w. picture of Alex Randolph & others; WETTEN, DASS...? (Carl Weible KG); PABLO (Fox) - HABAKUK; WIMBLEDON (Schnizer & Lais); WÜRFELKICK "SCHUSS-TOR" (Heinz Weisfeld); WÜRFEL STRATEGIE (George Rónai) - a variant of DUELL (A); WILDWECHSEL (Hans-im-Glück-Verlag); ~~Poldis Tennis~~ POLDI'S TENNIS & POLDI'S FUSSBALL (Hexagames) - w. mention of Jürgen Hagedorn; CARGO (Panalpina). Ad by "dtv" for DAS GROSSE SPIELVERGNÜGEN, KARTENSPIELE DER WELT, DENKSPIELE MIT BLEISTIFT UND PAPIER, DENKEN ALS SPIEL, & 2 others. Small ads for SZENARIO & VORCON WARS; Parker - BIERBÖRSE von Sid Sackson for sale. Loose "Schmidt Spiele" catalog: DAS SCHWARZE AUGE, HAVENA; GEOZOO, VAMPO; PIRATEN INSEL, MACHT DIE BÄUME WIEDER GRÜN, GEISTER, LETRA-MIX, 1000 KM, BLÖFF, KREUZ & QUER, DAMPFROSS, DAMPFROSS 2, WABLOCK, KNIFFEL, WORT-KNIFFEL, TALISMAN, SOLITAIRE, WINKEL-ADVOKAT, BAZAAR, PACKESEL, CLIC, VORSICHT LEHRER, STADT LAND FLUSS.

To 200 Fifth.

- ☐ TOY TRADE NEWS (2/11/87). Speech by William Garrity - TMA chairman. Pc. on war toys, w. mention of Axlon's TECH FORCE. Pc. on "Hasbro" w. WHATZIT & WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW. Pc. on "Bandai's" ATHLETIC WORLD GAME CASSETTE/FAMILY FUN FITNESS.
- Mag-Nif. Returned to ask for Garry Donner's CEREBREAL ATTACK. Bill Knox will send 2 to GAMES mag.

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Abraham Lincoln born 1809

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To 200 Fifth Ave, World

☐ TOY & HOBBY SHOW DAILY (2/11/87). Pc. on "Worlds of Wonder" w. mention of LAZER TAG. Part 2 (how come I didn't keep part 1?) of series on "25 who made a difference" w. Marvin Glass & 4 others.

- M.B. Spoke to Michael Langieri and took his card. [redacted] Was supposed to meet Francis Spears, who called me (when?). But he didn't show up. Warren Cole of "Innotoy, Inc." passed by & recognized me from "Guru" article; gave me copy of his game PUZZLE STRUGGLE & his card.
- Pressman. Lunch. Spoke to Sue Adamo & Sam Goldberg. Spoke to Sam abt. DOORWAYS TO MYSTERY - at present they are going for simpler items, but maybe in a yr. or so; DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE & DOORWAYS TO HORROR did quite well in 4th quarter - they are lowering the wholesale price to try to keep them going; (not sure this conversation was today). Spoke to Barry Schwartz and took his card; he'll send me copies of THERAPY THE GAME, THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME, BINGO BANDIT, & LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS. Took a catalog. And Obbens was there. He apologised abt. CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT; said that they had been sent to Germany by mistake; and that he'd see they were returned to me. He also said he'd send me JUMBO JET; PANIC; ORIENT EXPRESS - w. French rules, since it is not in English; CODE 777; SPONSOR; CAT AND MOUSE; and a catalog.
- Met Ivan Moscovich and spoke awhile. He is trying to set up a game museum in England; told him I'd be very interested. Gave him repro of "Guru" article. He mentioned something abt. doing THE HINGE for "Parade." Took his card.

R.B. Fuhrer Enterprises. He gave me copy of LOCOMOTION (Schaper) - "MB" will be doing a redo of it. Have the following notes (??). Mark Setta Educati; George DeLaney - and have his card; TSR, Pressman, GRANDMA'S TRUNK. AMAV Industries Ltd. Left card to Amos Sochaczevski, asking for copy of 365 GAMES.

Met Ron Dubren and spoke a little. Nothing special.

Games Gang. Gal made out order for WINNING WORDS, FAST FAX, SUDZ, SHOGI, THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE. Took card from Thomas McGuire.

Ideal/View-Master. No board games.

Warren Co. Spoke to Denise Dorsey-Zinn. She gave me her card and a catalog; the only thing of interest is MURDER, SHE WROTE - and she said that it has probably passed its peak. Probably I gave her repro of "Guru" article. She'll call me abt. getting together to talk product.

Rainbow Games, Inc. Spoke to Adrian Farris and he gave me copies of STRANDED & HALLEY'S REVENGE. He had some kind of a complaint abt. a relationship that went sour w. Garry Donner - but can't remember what it was.

Sterling Games, Inc. Picked up copies of ANNEX & MELEE.

Rennoc Corp. Spoke to Dick Conner abt. going for lunch w. Felicia on 2/16. He'll call her.

Met Rich Hanson, Larry Waide, Laurie Abel, & Romy Amos - and have my limousine for supper. Gave me '87 "Discovery Toys" catalog: DO YOU REMEMBER - the same as MEMORY; MAGIC 4; X FROM OUTER SPACE; AZAAR; HEIMLICH & CO.; EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE; SHUTTLES; ENCHANTED FOREST; WILDLIFE ADVENTURE GAME; QUIZ WHIZ. We played -- MAKES ONE (who

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Full Moon
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Have the following notes (?). "Called in yesterday's - in conference, call from? - call Sunday."

To Javits Center.

☐ TOY TRADE NEWS (2/13/87). Pc. on "Atari" - w. mention of ROAD BLASTERS. Pc. on HERE COMES THE BRIDE (The Ungame Co.) - Lew Herndon; Bettie, Richard Levy's daughter. Picture of "The Games Gang" - w. Angelo Longo & others. Pc. on "Pressman's" THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME. Pc. on "Western Publ." w. SOLARQUEST. Article on "Mattel" w. CATHEDRAL, AIRHEAD, & WHACK ATTACK. PC. on "Nintendo Expands Software"

- VERBOSITI (Verbositi, Inc.). Have copy of this game and a note "from Tom Braunlich" - but no other info (??). Sof POLICE PURSUIT
- Booth 891. Police Pursuit, Inc. Took ad sheets. Review copies to be sent.
- Booth 826; Ikron Games. Took info on SUN SIGNS & WITCH HAZEL, OBOL, & SCATZ. They said they'd send review copies on request.
- GIO Enterprises; Booth 826. Took card from Cathy Dubec and sheets on PERSONALITY PROBE---? & SEXUALITY PROBE. Both will be sent to Scott Marley & the first to me.
- Booth 834; Hicks Entertainment. Took sheets on COUNTRY MUSIC CHALLENGE & GENERATIONS (Genealogy for Fun, Inc.). The latter is basically the same game as CLUE - w. some "family" window dressing. (Not sure if they said they'd send copies.
- Booth 831; Fasa Corp. Took catalog; BATTLETECH & many modules; STAR TREK: THE ROLE PLAYING GAME & modules; THE DOCTOR WHO ROLE PLAYING GAME & modules; TOP GUN. Took card from Forest Brown; he's to send one of each of their board games, by end of month; and I'm to be on their list.
- Booth 116; Midwest Marketing Consultants, Inc. Spoke to Elliott Marshall & took his card; he'll send me his P-H-D (EM-2 Enterprises, Inc.). Took folder w. sheets on P-H-D; QUADULAR (HPH Development, Inc.); WHO's POOR (HPH); STRETCH CALL (El Ricco, Inc.); PRIORITIES (Cyrus Enterprises); EXECUTIVE VENTURE (Executive Playthings, Inc.); PHARAOH'S QUEST (protel Games & Amusements). Come back to request those I want.
- Booth 876; J.W. Small Co. Took copy of "CORRUPTION" & card from [redacted] Pres. - Dr. Joseph Siemiatkoski.
- Booth 875; Laff-A-Lott Inc. Will send me copy of LAFF-A-LOTT. Took sheet
- Booth (?); T.G.I. Games Inc. (Trivia Games Inc.). Met John Pozen. Took sheet on BIBLICAL QUIZ - THE TRIVIA GAME, TEEN TRIVIA PLUS, & others; also took repros of much publicity on him & his THE MONEY HUNT (these in '87 file) - among many other games mentioned in the repros are THE SYNDICATE, THE POWER OF QUASAR, THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE. He'll call me abt. setting up a lunch date.
- Met Jack Jaffe. He gave me a sheet on his SAVE THE PRESIDENT! (in his folder). He'll call Tues. to set up a visit here.
- Midwest Marketing Management Inc. Took card from Duane Brekke. Took sheets on IRONQUEST, COMBINATION, MEMORY BANK, RISKY BUSINESS, QUADS (these discarded when got new set on 3/19). They will send me these games plus FOX & GEESE. --- Booth 866.
- Patomike, Inc.; Booth 847. Took ad sheet on THWART & card from Thomas Meisenheimer. He'll call me on 2/26 for my evaluation of the game.
- Booth 868; Lucy Hammett Inc. Took card w. ad for TEXAS BINGO, etc.

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Call from Tom Manley. He is the inventor of CHEKIT. He wants to show me some new ideas on it. Will meet at Javits this P.M.

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA #299 (Jan./Feb. '87). George R. Dekle has "The Classification of CHESS Variants": "Ancestral Chess" - CHATURANGA, SHORT ASSIZE CHESS, ZATRIKION; "Oriental Chess" - XIANG-QI, CHANGGI, BURMESE CHESS, SIAMESE CHESS; "Shogi" - SHOGI, TORI, WA, CHU, TAI; "Decimal Chess" - CAPABLANCA'S CHESS, SUPERCHESS; "Enlarged Chess" - CHANCELLOR CHESS, RUTLAND'S CHESS, COURIER CHESS; "Microchess" - CHI-CHI'S CHESS, MINIATURE CHESS; "Modified Board Chess" - 3-D CHESS, CYLINDER CHESS, SPHERICAL CHESS, HEXAGONAL CHESS; "Group Chess" - PETROFF'S CHESS, ALFONSO'S FOUR HANDED CHESS, THREE KINGDOMS CHESS; "Fairy Chess" - AVALANCHE CHESS, SCOTTISH CHESS, DOUBLEMOVE CHESS, CHESSGI, ALICE CHESS, CO-REGAL CHESS; "Not-Quite Chess" - ULTIMA, CHESKERS, SMESS, FEUDAL, JETAN, 2000 A.D., RACING KINGS, BLOT-STRAIGHT CHESS, MAHARAJAH AND THE SEPOYS. Philip Cohen: SUPER CHESS; Christiaan Freeling, GRAND CHESS, GAMES mag., his EAST TRACK CHESS; Wayne Schmittberger, EXTINCTION CHESS; sample game of LINES OF ACTION; short rules for LAST WORD, LINES OF ACTION, PIGS AND BULLS - w. mention of MASTERMIND,

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS (Feb. '87). Pc. on "Coleco" closing "S&R" plants; on "Coleco" being most profitable of the largest U.S. public corps. Ad by "Marzip, Inc." for RESPONSE!. Picture of (#) GREED (Great American Greed Co.) being demonstrated. Ad by "Rainbow Games" for SPIROMANIA, STRANDED, HALLEY'S REVENGE, TAKE A LETTER. Ad by "TSR" for LAZER TAG THE OFFICIAL GAME HANDBOOK; by "P." for INSTANT INSANITY; by "Matchbox" for RUBIK'S MAGIC. Article on "Mattel" w. CATHEDRAL, AIRHEAD, & WHACK ATTACK. Pc. on CORPORATE PURSUIT (Rachat Inc.). Ad by "Hoyle" for RAISE THE TITANIC, GRANDMA'S TRUNK, ANT EATER, DESTINATION: VACATION, GALAXY COMMAND. Pc. on "Nintendo" w. NINJA KID, M.U.S.C.L.E., COMMANDO, GHOSTS N GOBLINS, KARATE CHAMP, GRADIUS, IKARI WARRIORS, GYROMITE, SUPER MARIO BROS. Ad by "Entertech" for GOTCHA! (THE SURVIVAL GAME), & PHOTON. Ad by "Western Publ." for OUTBURST, SOLARQUEST, OUT OF CONTEXT. Ad by "Bandai" for FAMILY FUN FITNESS w. ANIMAL TRAIL, DARK TUNNEL, HURDLES, RAFTING, HOP A LOG. Article on "Pressman" w. THREE STOOGES VCR GAME, LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS, SKITTLE BOWLING, SKITTLE SCORE BALL. Pc. on "Travel Games" w. TRAVEL CANADA a follow-up to TRAVEL AMERICA. Pc. on FAMILY TIES GAME (Apple Street). Article on "Western Publ." w. SOLARQUEST. Ad by "Cavrom Games by Merdel" w. FACE-OFF HOCKEY GAME, CARROM GAMEBOARD, NOK-HOCKEY, KIK-IT SOCCER. Article on "P." w. PIZZA PARTY, BUMPER CARS, INSTANT INSANITY. Ad by "Rachat" for CORPORATE PURSUIT. Ad by "Midwest Marketing Consultants, Inc." for P.T.D., STRETCH CALL, QUADVLAR. Article on "Intromark" w. VALVIGI DOWNS, NUKE: THE LAST GAME ON EARTH, BLACK BELT. Ad by "Laurad Games, Inc." for SUE FOR A MILLION. Ad for TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games, Inc.). Ad for HOSTAGE - THE BOARD GAME (Tabby Toys, Inc.). Ad by "Marino Group" w. RESPONSE! (Marzip, Inc.); CLOUT! THE GAME (Scofield Games); ALPHA CARDS (Creative Visions, Inc.); WAFFLING (Instruct Inc.); MEGIDDO (Global Games); TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games, Inc.); POLICE PURSUIT (Police Pursuit, Inc.);

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Septuagesima
Susan B. Anthony born 1820
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Called Sylvia Bailen. Thanked her for BAZAAR, etc, offered to take them out, but she is very busy now.
Called from Eamon Bloomfield to confirm our date tomorrow. I changed it to 4:45, since there won't be a rush-hour problem.

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- Pressman. Met Marvin Silbermintz - gave me his new business card. Met Alex Randolph; he'll call to set up a date.
- Rocky 951; Travel Games. They'll send copy of TRAVEL AMERICA.
- Room 958; Apple Street. Took catalog; only adult item is THE FAMILY TIES GAME, which they'll send in abt. 2 wks.
- Met Eamon Bloomfield & here by subway. He brought me the following: NESSIE HUNT (Searchglen Ltd.); POSTCARDS (Halcyon Games); LADY LUCK (Silver Bear plc) - by Trevor Pepperell; COUNTDOWN (MB) - Ad sheet lists PASS THE PIGS, CROSSWORD, TRAVEL NUMBERS UP!, GUESS WHO?, and others from U.S. and children's; Book - POPULAR CARD GAMES; Rules for WABANTI, BURGENLAND, PHOTO-SAFARI IN OMBAGASSA. Gave me repro of an article he wrote for SPIELERE! mag. abt. "The 1987 British Toy Fair": SPIVS, SUFFERIN' SPIRITS, WEB OF GOLD, ELIXER (Three Wishes); NESSIE HUNT voted best of show; SWIZZLE, HARE AND TORTOISE / David Parkett (Gibsons Games); PROSPERITY, HOOKIPA; 90 MINUTES, TEE OFF, FAIRWAY, PROGOLF, MASTERGOLF, ENDURANCE; QUEST FOR THE DRAGON (Games Workshop); LEGEND (TSR); COMISSATIO-ORGY; HOW TO HOST A MURDER; MASQUERADE; WORLD QUEST, CAPITAL ADVENTURE; VIDEO CLUEDO, AUSTRALIAN HORSE RACING; TRAVEL BUG, NEWSREEL TRIVIA; Jack Jaffe / SAVE THE PRESIDENT; WASTELANDERS, HOTEL, LAST WORD, QUOTATIONS (M.B.); WEALTH OF NATIONS (RICHESSES DU MONDE - Nathan), PICTIONARY (P.); CLUEDO CHALLENGE, LOST VALLEY OF THE DINOSAURS, ESCAPE FROM ATLANTIS, THE VAMPIRE, SPY RING, RATRACE, DINGBATS (Waddingtons); THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UBI (Coleco) (EVENTS - A.H.). Gave me a listing of his "wants" - some marks indicate I may have given him the following: MIND THRUST (Hayden), CALCULATE!, THE HARRY LORAYNE MEMORY GAME, ABBOTT'S NEW CARD GAMES, THE KEY TO SOLITAIRE. (Don't remember details but) gave him parts from ziplock bag of* KING OIL (M.B.) parts. Gave him following GAMES issues: '86 - all except July & Dec.; '87 - J, F/M. GOOD NEIGHBORS - by Alex Randolph - will send me repros; PRATTLE - will send me repro of rules if he has them; GWR (GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD) - will send me copy; SCOUT - will send me repros; GOLDRAUM IM LONDON - by Knut-Michael Wolf - will send ~~rep~~ me repros of rules; SCHNUFF - will send me repros of rules; DIE MACHER - great game of politics, quite complicated & expensive - he'll try to get copy for me; SIMULATOR - German game of car racing, taken from game in Martin Gardner's column - will send me repros. George Crawshay insists that ACQUIRE is better w. 9 cos. instead of 7 (!?). Called cab for his return to hotel. Eamon mentioned that Ian Livingstone has been dealing w. Lorraine Williams of "TSR" - and she's tough! We spoke abt. my sending him a ~~duplic~~ couple of boxes of games to sell, if he takes a booth for the DEUTCHEN SPIELERTAGE in Essen.
Rcd. ENCHANTED FOREST from "Discovery Toys."

* ziplock bag of 5/20/84.

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Monday 16 February 1987

Presidents' Day

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To 200 5th Ave.

TOY TRADE NEWS (2/16/87). Pc. on "Broderbund Software" & PERSONAL PREFERENCE; on ~~VCR ENTERPRISES~~ "VCR Enterprises" & NFL VCR QUARTERBACK, NHL HOCKEY VCR GAME, & MASTERS VCR GOLF TOURNAMENT; on "Ikron" & SUN SIGNS AND WITCH HAZEL. Pc. on Lorraine Williams taking over at "TSR" - Gary Gygax out. Article on British w. SPACE DICE by "Present Games." Pc. on "Pressman" w. LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS and THERAPY, THE GAME.

Room 1204/1107; Broderbund Games. Played part of a game of PERSONAL PREFERENCE w. Jim Pressman, also visiting; copies will be sent to me & Scott Manley in June. (Have note that Walter Luc Haas at some time said this was the same as his ~~European~~ European game SYMPATHIE.) Took "Broderbund" folder, but discarded since already had one. Took ~~[illegible]~~ card from Ed Bernstein - director, new ventures, Fundex Inc." - Took copy of PHASE 10 - dupl.; took sheets on this & HIT THE DECK; card from Pete Voigt. Have note "saw CATCH CHA" - (?)

Met Jack Jaffe (where?). He'll be here weds. @ 6:30 (Hava Products Ltd.)

Room 755; IE Games Corp. Took copy of CYRCLE CRIBBAGE BOARD - w. CRIBBAGE rules on package; took info ~~on~~ on this & THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME & NIGHT OF THE NINJA - latter 2 to be sent in a month; (later discarded these since got info on 2/11). Took card from Sandford W. Tuey, Ticker Tape, Inc. Took sheet on STRIKE! PRICE; asked for copies; w. sheet's a review in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT. Spoke to Mike Ryall, Sleuth Publications, Ltd. Spoke to Tony Uruburu; told him of error in GUMSHOE rules I rcd. last yr. & missing parts - he gave me new rule book, and will send new copy of game; he'll also send me a copy of MERCENARIES, SPIES & PRIVATE EYES - in wk. or so. Took pile of ad sheets; MERCENARIES, SPIES & PRIVATE EYES; SHERLOCK HOLMES CONSULTING DETECTIVE - ADVENTURES BY GASLIGHT - THE QUEEN'S PARK AFFAIR; JACK THE RIPPER; GUMSHOE; DIFFERENT WORLDS Mag.; SORCERER'S CAVE; upcoming - SIDNEY REILLY, MASTER SPY.

Mayfair Games, Inc. Spoke to Darwin Bromley and took his card - w. Debra Wright - P.R. on the back. He gave me copies of THE ELEQUEST BOARDGAME & ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME. (Did I ask for HAMMER'S SLAMMERS & BARBARA CARTLAND ROMANCE BOARDGAME?) Took catalog sheets: EMPIRE BUILDER, BRITISH RAILS, DRAGONRIDERS OF PERN, SANCTUARY, ELEQUEST, COMPANY WAR, ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME; WORLDS OF BORIS VALLEJO, HAMMER'S SLAMMERS, FOREVER WAR, BARBARA CARTLAND ROMANCE BOARDGAME; DC HEROES ROLE PLAYING GAME.

Met Howard Wexler (where?). He is working mainly on toys, but (I am pretty sure) he said he was involved w. "Pressman's" THREE STOOGES VCR GAME, M.B. Spoke to Mark ~~Mayr~~ Morris; Mike Meyers not available - call him next wk. Met Maureen Hiron and she gave me 2 copies of her 1987 ad folder: QUIZWRANGLE, CONTINUO, SEDUXION, QUADWRANGLE, DOUBLE, CAVENDISH, TRIANGULO CONTINUO, CROQUE, QUANGO. Bill Dohrmann came by. He suggested that I call John Vernon if he doesn't get in touch with me. Francis Spear called me this morning & we arranged to meet here at 2 PM. He didn't show by 2:55 and I left.

International Playthings. There looking for Werner Schlegel, but not there - had lunch. There again & Martine Redman said she gave Schlegel my no.

Seven Towns. Date Weds. 1 or 1:30 P.M.

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Call from Alex Randolph. We'll meet tomorrow after my meeting @ "Seven Towns." He was calling from there. He suggested a Chinese meal.

Called Mel Bush abt. the 1099 info he asked for. $2,800 to BB; $807.15 to Felicia; and we came up w. $3,000 to Dana. I asked, and he is going to go to Felicia on 3/9 at 9AM. I'll go there at 11:30A.M. to talk abt. the matter of Bill Riva's share of DOMINATION royalty, etc. I asked, and the telephone number of his new home is ((201-391-8492)).

Rcd. EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE from "Discovery Toys."

Call from "Ronin Enterprises" to get my address for sending me KUMITE & THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR.

Call from Francis Spear - sorry abt. yesterday. Nothing specifically abt. games.

Called Eamon Bloomfield. Spoke abt. the games I have - and those I will get - from "Games Workshop". Have the following listing: TALISMAN EXPANSION SET ✓; TALISMAN THE ADVENTURE ✓; BLOOD ROYALE coming; CHAINSAW WARRIOR coming; COSMIC ENCOUNTER ✓; BATTLECARS ✓; ROGUE TROOPER coming; BLOCKMANIA coming (??). He'll let me know if he is definitely going to DEUTSCHEN SPIELERTAGE is Essen.

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Call from Gary Singer. His game is PHENOMALOGY. He'd like to get together for me to look at it. I'll call him when I get a little free time.

Gary Singer
218 Thomson St. #26
N.Y., N.Y.
677-0664

Call from Ted Haimes. I'll go there ~~tomorrow~~ Wednesday @ 11 A.M.

Marketing Equities
27 W. 20th (Room 1201)
645-2333

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Call from Ted Haimes to change date to 3:30 P.M. today.

- G.S.R. Spoke to Mr. Reidel. He hasn't had a chance to talk to his daughter yet
- Seven Towns. Don't have any notes as to having spoken to Lenny Mass. (Pretty sure) Marvin Silbermintz there for a moment; gave me repro of his TUG OF WORD, from DELL CHAMPION WORDPLAY AND PUZZLE FUN (9/85); also gave me card for Jim Winslow.
- Alex Randolph. Met him at "Seven Towns" & he took me to Chinese restaurant. "I.T." did his EUREKA - also (I believe) called ARE YOU A GENIUS? it is a variant of ELEUSIS - 48 cards w. rules, 48 w. pictures of men w. beards, hats, both, or no; thev. "I.T." also did his GENERALOWSKI - where you get medals and try to avoid getting sent to Siberia. Told him abt. Giampaolo Dossena. Has SPY VS SPY was published (by whom?) - it is based on MAD Mag. & it is not at all like the U.S. one (which is this?). Jürgen Stahr gave him $1,000 advance on a travel GAME - but didn't use it. Laurie Curran is looking @ 2 of his card GAMES. "Piatnik" did his INDISCRETION: it is a deck of cards w. the number of the card on the front, but the suit on the back; 2 of the games w. it are BONUS + MALUS & DUMP.
- To "Marketing Equities" for meeting w. Ted Haimes & others - to talk abt. JUMP (see later for details).
- R. Third Corp. (Here before going to "Marketing Equities".) Took dupl. copy of STAK ATTACK.

Back home abt. a minute after Jack Jaffe got here for supper. Gave me a "Games for Pleasure Ltd" ad sheet for SAVE THE PRESIDENT w., among other things, plugs from various sources - including me. Only note I have: "2 books by Ivan Moscovich." (?) (He wanted to sleep over but BB said "no.")

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Called Felicia. Told her of Jeff Conrad being interested in REACH and in another look at SHAPE & SHATTER; and that he'll call her in March. Told her that I spoke to Mike Langieri & "MB" is interested in a line of card games. I'm to send him HIGH SPIRITS (which was recommended by Mike Gray), PIECE OF THE ACTION, & possibly one more (NOW OR NEVER). She got call from Bill Riva that he is coming to U.S. for his taxes. I mentioned my coming there on 3/9 to go over the DOMINATION money she is holding. At first she was angry, but cooled down quickly - and said we'd have lunch together. Told her abt. Dick Conner just being too busy to see her, and that he said he'd arrange something soon. She asked if I saw Mel Taft; yes, and he said he'd send her flowers; not yet. Told her I met Stan Clutten & Bill Dohrmann @ "Coleco"; she didn't know abt. Bill going there.

Rcd. copy of BAZAAR, w. nice letter from Laurie Abel - & her card.

Call from Ronnie Corn - checking whether Sat. date is O.K.; sure. He asked if I had been to "Maruca" - no, but I heard that they had practially nothing. Ned Strongin says that "Maruca" is in financial trouble (??) - and would be trying to sell CRIME SOLVERS. FIBBER & THE BOTTOM LINE bombed. In connection w. INCOGNITO by "Jumbo", they say that someone else has done it - w. Ronnie's permission (??).

Friday 20 February 1987

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Call from Paul Janaka of "All Media Concepts." He wants to get together w. me to talk abt. my working w. him. He thought that I could help him w. publicity, but I told him that I only work on games themselves; he still wants to get together. He tried to contact Robert Rudolph (see 1/25) but never found him in (actually he is not in the directory this yr.) Said that I am very busy now. He asked, and I'll try to call to arrange a meeting in abt. 2 wks.

Call from Norma Milldrum of "Mattel." Went over our meeting of 2/9. It was Lavry Harris & Joe Martin - both of whom have left "Mattel" - who suggested TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN as a follow-up to CATHEDRAL. I asked, and she'll see that a copy of CATHEDRAL is sent to me. On MY PHANTASY, I again said that I wouldn't go further on it until I knew that there is some definite interest in it. Also another co. might be interested in MACARTHUR. She said that either she or George Volanakis would call me within 10 days.

Call from Claude. He is planning to go w. Raymond Soucie to Ed Waxman to push BIG FUNERAL - which I said I pushed - NEXT, & GENIUS BLOCKS. Talking abt. "Johny Carson" putting over A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES, he said that in '65, due to my mentioning BIG FUNERAL during my trip, "Henry Morgan" who was substituting for "Carson" wanted to use BIG FUNERAL, but it fell thru. I didn't remember anything abt. it, and couldn't find anything in the diary.

Rcd. the 3 "1099 Forms" from Mel Bush - to send to "IRS" after signing.

Called Ted Haimes, telling him I had to leave soon. Call from "Steve" - he'll call me Mon. A.M. to talk abt. financial arrangements for JUMP.

Call from Felicia - time diff. in Ireland; 5 hrs. or less. She is looking forward to seeing me on 3/9.

Rcd. "Publishers Central Bureau" catalog. Clipped ads for PROGRESSIVE ANAGRAMS, 101 USES FOR A DEAD CUBE, YOU CAN DO THE CUBE, THE SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO CUBIC PUZZLES, WOODEN PUZZLES AND GAMES.

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Ronnie Corn abt. ~~walter Luc Haas~~ Walter's call. He said that there were a number of games using the idea of players secretly backing a horse, etc. and then moving any of the pcs. - WIN, PLACE & SHOW being one such. (Looked @ it & it wasn't quite that.

Call from Ronnie Corn. He agreed abt. WIN, PLACE & SHOW; LOSE YOUR SHIRT (Waddington's/House of Games) used the idea, but was probably after JOCKEY. Eric Soleman used the idea in his SUBTERFUGE in GAMES WITH PENCIL & PAPER, which later became SIGMAFILE, THE.

talk w. Walter Luc Haas told him abt. letter from Thomas Kniffler (see 1/31), and that I haven't written to Reinhold Wittig yet.

21 Saturday

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Last Quarter
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Visit from Audrie & Ronnie Corn. Brought me copy of KA-NEXUS (Penchant Enterprises); Rules for STOCK TICKER (The Canada Games Co. Ltd.), for WORLDMASTER (R. & H. Trading Ltd.); Article by Bruce Whitehill in Daily RECORD - THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME (IIE Game Corp.), TRANS-IT (Henry Cabaay), MADE FOR TRADE & BY JOVE (Aristoplay Ltd.), LET'S ELECT OUR PRESIDENT (Saxon Games & Toys), U.S. TRAVELER & WORLD TRAVELER (Mv. World Traveler Ltd.), INQUIZITIVE (Alpha Games Intern.), TRIVIAL PYRAMID (SMBL Corp.), DECEIVE & DECIDE (Meca Enterprises) w. mentions of FICTIONARY & DICTIONARY & LEXICON, POETS AND WRITERS & FOREMOTHERS, FOUNDERS AND FIRSTS (Great Wamon) ~~Art by "Peabody & Wright, Ltd." for "18 World Famous Games" inc CHESS, CHECKERS, etc.~~ RUPICOLA (Rupicola Productions Inc.); THE GARDEN GAME (The Garden Game Ltd.), THE QUEENS PARK AFFAIR & THE MANSION MURDERS are supplements for SHERLOCK HOLMES, CONSULTING DETECTIVE; Article in Daily RECORD abt. David Mair - inventor of YOU NAME IT, SCRABBLE REBUS (S&R), BENT OUT OF SHAPE, JOKE-A-THON. Ronnie got HOSTAGE (Tabby Toys) & it plays much better than he thought it would from reading the rules. An important aspect is how a figure is facing at the end of a turn. Since he is not playing games at work anymore, he is doing more w. solo computer games. One that he likes a lot is SHANGHAI (Activision); The 144 MAH-JONG tiles are randomly placed in an arrangement w. piles increasing towards the center; object is take pairs off from the edges until all are taken (rough idea - to look at when go there), Spoke more abt. "Jumbo's" claim that someone says that they got the rights to INCOGNITO from Ronnie; perhaps Walter Luc Haas showed it to someone - before Audrey asked him to stop - who now is trying to bring up a nuisance suit w. "Jumbo". Ned Strongin has WHERE TO? but Ronnie doesn't know if he is showing it. "P." took, but then returned the X-word puzzle GAME to Strongin. Strongin had a computer mystery game - INSIDE INFORMATION, and Ronnie added a lot of math to it, and Strongin was enthused abt. it. The 4 of us played HIGH SPIRITS, and taking just one card at a time seemed to work fine. The 4 of us started a game of THWART, but quit when we saw that it was basically just a matter of luck. Played a few games of CAT AND MOUSE w. Ronnie, adding a rule that a pile just played on - even if only one high - can't be touched, in addition to either part of a separated pile; it seemed to come to a definite end. The 4 of us played NOW OR NEVER & they liked it (score: R=58, A=87, B=48, S=98). Told Ronnie that "M.B." could be interested in card games - and maybe some of his could be tried. He suggested BURIED TREASURE from my book; SITTING PRETTY - which came from the poster; 4x4 - which I don't seem to have any info on. Strongin showed SITTING PRETTY to "P." w. no success. I thought of changing my CARD STOCK MARKET into a special equipt. game, like BURIED TREASURE - I'll let him know after I speak to Mike Meyers. Next date on 3/28. To visit the Laurences. Played NOW OR NEVER (score: P=69, A=72, B=53, S=84); they liked it. They remembered playing it - but a little different they said. (The Corns remembered HARDEE'S FOR A TREAT.) Played HIGH SPIRITS - and we all felt that taking one card at a time was better than 2. Ronnie looked at the games from TOY FAIR; when he saw CHEKIT he said he almost bought a copy, but it was too heavy w. the others things he had.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Sexagesima
George Washington born 1732
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Sunday 22
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From NEWS clipped: Reviews of F-15 STRIKE EAGLE (Microprose) & MARBLE MADNESS (Electronic Arts); Ad by "Peabody & Wright, Ltd." for "18 World Famous Games" - w. CHESS, CHECKERS, etc.

Call from Frank Thibault. Mentioned "Guru" article. Spoke abt. big cos. taking over self-produced games, such as "Western Publ." taking over OUT OF CONTEXT. Spoke abt. PICTIONARY, which first went to "Western" & then to "The Games Gang." He said that Richard D'Arcey had a game w. "The Games Gang" - I asked, and it was SUDZ, which I said I thought was fun. He said that PICTIONARY was an old idea which they played for many yrs. under various names; he thought abt. doing it but never got around to it. He said that Phil Orbanes was to the west coast for an Inventor's meeting there; he has a game IN OTHER WARDS under consideration by "P." - it is in the A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES genre. Told him that "Mattel" might be interested in my MY PHANTASY, but I won't work on it unless they say they are interested. Told him abt. CATHEDRAL and possibility of one of mine as a follow-up. He asked how I was doing and told him that DOORWAYS -- were good, but probably only for one yr.; he asked abt. BAZAAR and I told him it was being reissued - but not by whom. I asked abt. TOPPLE, and it doing better than all his other things put together. However it is licensed thru "Waddington's Canada" and he sometimes has to write to get them to pay. Bill Riva is involved in Europe, and he is not getting info from him; me neither.

Call from Ronnie Corn. He got a call from Walter Luc Haas. The problem w. INCOGNITO is that "Jumbo" changed the game so much that it wasn't much diff. from JOCKEY, which is by Wolfgang Krämer - who also did HEIMLICH & CO which uses a similar mechanism. Walter wants give the correct rules for INCOGNITO in SPIELBOX, perhaps using it for the centerfold game. We agreed that it probably would be good to give the rules, but not the board; and that the decision should be made by Ned Strongin.
Call from Walter Luc Haas: "Jumbo" changed the name from INCOGNITO to SPONSOR; Ronnie's name is not included anywhere. Walter definitely wants to do the rules for the original game in SPIELBOX to show that it was diff. from JOCKEY, which is abt. 10 yrs. old. He asked if it were true that "Maruca" is dropping DALLAS: THE GAME OF EMPIRE BUILDING STRATEGY; told him that they were supposed to replace it w. CARTEL, but I'm not sure how they are doing. He said that Friedhelm Merz is starting a mag. called JOKER (!!). At "Nuremburg" "Hexagames" was showing prototypes of MONAD - calling it THE FIRST MILLION, SOLITAIRE DICE, & LINES OF ACTION. Told him abt. my dealings w. Jürgen Hagedorn. He said I should write to Hagedorn, that his reputation is not good, and that Walter will expose it in SPIELBOX if he doesn't treat me ~~right~~ right. Told Walter that I checked and it is O.K. to use any of my games from GAMES mag. He wants to start w. ORGANISMS; Suave. He talked Thomas Kniffler into agreeing to give me an advance if I want to do a book of my unpublished GAMES - so they won't be lost; told him I have to do a lot of catching up before I can even think abt. such a project. I asked, and he'll be moving in May or June.

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23 Monday

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Letter from "LeEarl Bryant" of "Genealogy for Fun, Inc.": My stopping @ TOY FAIR; copy at GAMES; Variations on GENERATIONS.

Call from Michael Thompson (see 1/15). Told him I couldn't have him here for another month, to look at IAGO. I told him a little abt. it and he said it sounded similar to his OVERTURN. In his there are hollow cubes w. letters in 3 diff. colors, which are spun (?). At end score for each word of your color, even if it is part of a longer word. He said he doubted if he could sell it because of IAGO, but I said that IAGO isn't on sale in the U.S. In connection w. the pirate GAME, he made a mold for the ships.

abt. JUMP.

Call from Ted Haimes, basically to say that "Steve" would be calling me later.

Call from "Steve" & Ted on the other line. Spoke abt. some of my ideas, including using dice throws to approximate the difficulty of various questions. "Steve" asked if $1,000 "good faith" money to start & then 2½% of net profits is O.K. I asked if this included the "TV game show"; no, he was thinking just of the board game, but agreed to include the electronic game. He took my address to send me a preliminary contract. Ted will call to set up a date. When they asked abt. my availability I said that I couldn't drop everything else, but I could spend 2 or 3 days a wk. on it. Thinking that there would be a problem if some of my ideas do get used in the "TV game show," when Ted called he saw my point, and will have "Steve" call me later today. Set date for me to go there Weds. at 10:30 A.M. for some brain-storming.

In conversation w. "Steve" & Ted I brought up the matter of who does the questions — the "Horn Abbot" people in Canada.

Called Mike Meyers @ "M.B." in MA. Left no. w. his sect., but he didn't call back.

While looking for other things, looked at A TOY IS BORN. Someone during TOY FAIR (who?) insisted that the book said that SCRABBLE was published in '31; it was invented then & published in '48.

Call from Ronnie Corn. He spoke to Ned Strongin, who doesn't care if Walter Luc Haas publishes everything abt. INCOGNITO in SPIELBOX. Ronnie called Walter to tell him.

Because of Dale wanting to be w. her friend from CA. this Fri., called Lynn Levy and changed our date to 3/6. She said that Herb is anxious to discuss TOY FAIR w. me.

Thinking abt. changing CARD STOCK MARKET to a proprietary game. Have 3 "stocks" rather than 4. Have 2 types of cards: 36 w. stocks; 72 for changing the quotations. Backs are diff., and in refilling can choose from the decks.

St. Matthias
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Rcd. WHITE DWARF (86/Feb.). Ad for 2 WARHAMMER supplements. Reviews of THE PRICE OF FREEDOM (West End Games); HAWKMOON (Chaosium) - a development of STORMBRINGER; HIL SECTOR BLUES (West End) a PARANOIA adventure; A D&D adventure & several for AD&D; CURSE OF THE BONE - a complete CALL OF CTHULHU adventure. Review of DRAGONLANCE, a series of 14 AD&D adventures. Article on characters for WARHAMMER. SKAVEN SCRAMBLERS, a team and new rules for BLOOD BOWL. Ad for RUNEQUEST (Games Workshop). Ad for IMPERIAL EARTH role-playing game (K society, Inc.) - also their FIRELAND. Ad for UNTAMED LAND PBM game (Ireland Games). Article on Time Travel in JUDGE DREDD RPG. Ad by "Storm Games" for COLT & JUMP FORCE - PBM games.

Rcd. CITY UBT forms - for BB(!)

Called "MB" & asked for Mike Meyers - out today & tomorrow. Told sect. that I wanted to find out abt. DOMINATION; she'll have him call me. Told her that I wanted to question Mike Langier, abt. same card GAMES I was supposed to send in; in conference, & she'll ask him to call.

Rcd. "Fed. Express" package w. EXECUTIVE VENTURE (Executive Playthings Inc.). Covering letter from Thomas Chimera; and ad mat'l & newspaper clipping.

Called Bryan Mattimore; Not in. Asked sect. abt. the tape & she thought it was sent. She'll have him call me.

Call from Ted Haimes. "Steve" agreed that I'd have the 2½% of net profits on the "TV ~~show~~ game show" as well.

Call from Bryan Mattimore. It will be a wk. or so before he can send me the tape. He asked abt. TOY FAIR, mainly if there are any new cos. that might be looking for games. Told him there were a lot of games at "Javits Center," but primarily those put out by individuals themselves.

Called Sara Coulter of "The Rowland Co." - mainly to ask her if "M.B." put out WHATZIT. Couldn't find it in a catalog. On the phone, and didn't call back.

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if I had checked the rules for KAMPF DER GARTENZWERGE/ORGANISMS; no, never had the time to go thru the German. (Later looked a little for it but couldn't locate it.) He said to be sure to write to Jürgen Hagadorn. In connection w. KAMPF DER GARTENZWERGE he said that it was too advanced for newspaper readers, but should be good for SPIELBOX readers.

25 Wednesday

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Call fr. Charles Riedel. He spoke to his daughter; she didn't feel that there was much chance for my collection, but I could try writing to: Peter Bridge - Chief of "Exchange & Gift Division" - Library of Congress - Washington, DC 20540. Another possibility: Ernie Pazmany - Buyer of Toys & Games - Smithsonian Institute - Washington, D.C.

Rcd. "Express Mail" package from "Ronin Enterprises" w. KUMITE & THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR, w. letter from Paul Fuccillo.

Rcd. AMERICAN GAME COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #5. Pc. on "S&R"/"Coleco"; Richard Selchow's heart attack. Pc. on sale of GAMES - and it's going bi-monthly. History of "P." - George S. Parker, BANKING, CHIVALRY/CAMELOT, PIT, FLINCH, ROCK, COUNTRY AUCTION, OLIVER TWIST, THE RAILROAD GAME, THE GAME OF WAR: "Strategy Games" - FOX AND GEESE, HALMA, REVERSI, SUSCEPTIBLES (McLoughlin), PACHISI, NINE-MENS-MORRIS, SEEGA/THE MAN IN THE MOON (McLoughlin). Pc. on JAN KEN PO (P) - based on PAPER, ROCK, SCISSORS. Pc. on Jerry Slocum & his PUZZLES OLD AND NEW. Pc. on HI-HO, a variation of TANGRAM. A number of PUZZLES. Picture, w. rules, of PICK-A-PAIR. Article on Herb Siegel - w. DISTRICT MESSENGER BOY; "Xerox" FUN AND GAMES exhibit; PIGS IN CLOVER; PARLOR BASEBALL; BULLS AND BEARS (McLoughlin), AMERICAN EAGLE (Ives), POPE AND PAGEN (Ives). Pc. on exhibit of Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson collection at NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Some auction prices of games & toys. Pc. on "Travel Games" - including VEST POCKET QUOITS & NECK AND NECK. Pc. on ~~Darrows Fun Antiques~~ DARROWS FUN ANTIQUES (61st St. & 2nd Ave.). Pc. on Jan & Jim McDermott, "House of Curmudgeon Games", their game THE MR. MURL GAME. In small ads: Herb Levy, GAMERS ALLIANCE, over 1000 GAMES for sale; Bruce Whitehill - AGOG for sale for $9.00.

From "West End Games" rcd. ad sheets for: WESTERN FRONT TANK LEADER; FIRE TEAM; SCARED STIFFS - GHOSTBUSTERS adventure; two additions to THE PRICE OF FREEDOM RPG.

Rcd. letter from Warren D. Cole, who gave me copy of PUZZLE STRUGGLE on 2/12. Enclosed repros of newspaper reviews, one of which also did "Pressman's" JEOPARDY & RUMMIKUB and "M.B.'s" A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES.

To "Marketing Equities" for meeting w. Ted Haimes & Marty Kornbluh. Spoke abt. JUMP (the basic game), SPEED JUMP (the end game), and LONG JUMP, the combination of the 2. Marty spoke abt. doing a game he calls SIGN UP - using a deck of cards w. international signs - told him I didn't think it was very interesting. He also had ideas for 5-LETTER LINGO (changed from Bingo) - a TV game, but also played at home w. cards people pick up @ local stores. "Peter" - who prints the cards - joined us. We'll all meet again next wk. (Made rough notes, but not complete at all, since I will be working on it right away.) They gave me a set of simple questions. The CHECKERS set they were using - "Pressman" - had some variations and Ted ran off repros for me. "Steve" was not there; too busy w. other things to prepare our agreement; but they did give me a check for $1,000.00.

Call from Walter Luc Haas to check on dates for JOCKEY, LOSE YOUR SHIRT, SUBTERFUGE, THE SIGMA FILE, etc. Told him to the best of my knowledge. He asked

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Thursday 26 February 1987

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Called Sara Coulter - busy - later got call from Amy Howland. Aske of her if "M.B." did WHATZIT; yes, but did it too late for any print mat'l. on it by TOY FAIR. Asked her for review copy of it; also WIN, LOSE OR DRAW - in addition to JITTERS (which I said looked great), SHOGUN, & THUNDER ROAD.

Call from Kwame Fisher, who saw the "Guru" article. In connection w. a college computer course he has devised a trivia type VCR GAME, but he can't get a game co. to look at it. I suggested that he might be able to get thru by having his professor write on the school's stationery.

Rewrote rules for HIGH SPIRITS, w. only one card taken at a time and leaving out the "advanced" rule. (Also recorded the equip't.)
Found handwritten rules for NOW OR NEVER, which give complete equip't.
Couldn't find my handwritten rules for PIECE OF THE ACTION, so copied the typed rules. (Also recorded the equip't.) (Later located my original rules.)

Doing some figuring & a layout for "black holes" - for JUMP. Also a board. Trying it by myself and seems to work o.k.

Since I couldn't get thru to anyone @ "M.B." abt. the DOMINATION contract, called "Discovery Toys." Asked for Laurie Abel - she was out and spoke to Rich Hanson. Told him I rcd. BAZAAR copy from Laurie & it looks great. I asked, and no problem to send me half a dozen copies. He asked, and I did receive EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE; he'd like my opinion of it. I asked, and they are definitely interested in FOCUS/DOMINATION. Told him that I'll keep trying w. "M.B." and call him as soon as I get anything definite.

Call from Thomas Meisenheimer abt. THWART. Told him that we found that it was won by a streak of luck rather than by strategically working towards a goal. Since the people at GAMES had a similar feeling, there is no chance of a review. But it would be included if a special issue is published.

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to them from "P.", where he did BEGGARS AND THIEVES, and he will be handling card games. He hears that Larry Harris & John Vernon will be joining "Coleco"; I mentioned that John is already there. He doesn't hear anything abt. Joseph Martin.

B finished typing rules for HIGH SPIRITS and I finished cutting them, etc. Actually we both started yesterday.

While at "Pressman" I asked, and Chris Lynch ran off repros of the article in ~~[illegible]~~ 2/9/87 NEWSWEEK on TV shows: WHEEL OF FORTUNE, JEOPARDY, etc.

27 Friday

February 1987

New Moon
58/307

Rcd. letter from Brigitte Hugendubel abt. SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE winning the "Golden Pöppel", as chosen by readers of DIE PÖPPEL-REVUE, for '85 & '86. Enclosed certificates. Friedhelm Merz is "Publisher"; Knut-Michael Wolf in "Editor-in-Chief."

Rcd. THE GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 3). Ad for BISMARK, "Coming": PATTON'S BEST, BRITANNIA -- U.S version of "Gibsons Games" original; FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA / TAC AIR, WEST FRONT, KNIGHTS OF THE AIR; YANKS!, PRIME TIME, QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE. Ad for WAR AT SEA. Various articles on SUBMARINE. Ad for 2ND FLEET (Victory Games). Article on SQUAD LEADER (clinic). Ad for MAC PRO FOOTBALL (Microcumputer Div.). Ad for DIPLOMACY. "Stalin's War" variant scenario for HITLER'S WAR. Ad for "Sports Illustrated Games" - STATIS PRO FOOTBALL, PAYDIRT, FOOTBALL STRATEGY, BOWL BOUND, SUPER SUNDAY, MAC PRO FOOTBALL. Article on BLITZKREG ('75) '85), "Series Replay" of BEYOND VALOR. Article on BATTLE OF THE BULGE. Ad for SPITFIRE '40 (Microcomputer Div.). "Infiltrator's Report": GAMERS ALLIANCE, GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT, Herb Levy, FLIGHT LEADER; GAMEWORKS mag.

Rcd. "UPS" packages with: THE FAMILY TIES GAME (Applestreet, Inc.); TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games, Inc.) - w. letter from Eric Fishman & an ad sheet.

Call from Ted Haimes, "Hasbro" is very hot on JUMP and there will be a showing on 3/5. Gave him the layout of my board so that they could present it. He felt that one "black hole" on an end row and the other not wasn't fair; told him there were compensations. Arranged that I'll go there Mon. abt. 10:30. Thinking abt. the "black holes" and decided that it would be better to have a layout so that both end rows could either have or not have them. Called Ted, but not in the office. Asked to have him call when he got in. Made a new layout for the "black holes." Changed my board to use one of possibilities. When Ted didn't call, called there. Dictated the new board layout. Asked if I would be at the "Hasbro" showing. Probably not; Marty Kornblym usually does these things himself.

Called "M.B." in the morning. Connected to Mike Langieri's sect. (I believe). He & Mike Meyers in a meeting. Again asked for a call abt. DOMINATION and abt. my card games. Called again in the afternoon. Both in a meeting - but I should have heard from Marsha Tashomas @ "Hasbro" ((401 - 726 - 4100 - Ext. 5338)). Since DOMINATION is still on sale somewhere I can't get it back yet. I still may hear from Tashomas, but if not I can call her. Told the me that I was speaking to that I would like to talk to Mike Langieri briefly.

Call from Carl Light in Denver, who saw the "Guru" article. He has a GAME using cards w. the names of the U.S. states, and can't get a co. to look at it. He wanted to send it to me, but I said just to send info - w. a SSAE.

Played JUMP w. BB and it played O.K. She won in a little less than an hour.

Saturday 28
February 1987

59/306

Worked out another JUMP end game problem.

Played SORRY! w. Brian.

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Call from Felicia, she got a letter from Bill Riva that was a copy of one to me. It was very sad.

She rcd. a check from "A.H." for 3rd & 4th quarters '86.

ACQUIRE	$303.16	$531.85	(see 3/9)
EXECUTIVE DECISION	1.58	3.18	
SLEUTH	22.17	22.81	
VENTURE	2.52	12.73	
COMPUTER ACQUIRE	~~5.80~~ -6.25	-10.30	

Call from Claude: Some sales around his neighborhood this Sat. (3/7). Made date for abt. 10:30 A.M. for the sales, lunch together, and to leave early since we have another date in the evening. Spoke abt. a possible date on 3/14.

1 Sunday
March 1987

Last Sunday after Epiphany
Quinquagesima
St. David
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2/26

Monday 2

Texas Independence Day

61/304

March 1987

Rcd. QUINT-GRAM (Nail - winter '86/'87). A lot of QUINTILLIONS problems; GAMES 100. Ad for LOOP-BOLT PUZZLE, MT-BOLT PUZZLE.

To meeting w. Ted Haimes; Marty Kornblum was called to Chicago. Played a complete game of SUMP using my rough equip't. He liked it, and feels that getting pts. for answering correctly - even tho Marty thinks they'll clutter up the board. He asked, and I'll go there Weds., the designer will be there. He thinks that "Steve" will have the agreement for me. He made repros of my board and the "end game" layouts.

Called Robert Fuhrer and he was in. Went there and he gave me copies of the 4 T.H.I.N.G.S. (M,B): FLIP-O-POTAMUS, SIR RING-A-LOT, EGGZILLA, GRABBIT; also 2 boxes of "Finger Crayons." Asked if I could do something for him and he said of course not. But his copy of AGES was lost. Said I'd bring it to him Weds. - but then we spoke abt. him coming to visit w. Mark Setteducati, and I'll give him a copy then.

To "Pressman." Spoke to Sam Goldberg and he said that sales of the 2 DOORWAYS -- games was several hundred thousand copies, so the 4th quarter royalty should be good. Tried to call Murray Hellman ((201-545-4000)), but he was at lunch. Sam said that their VCR games sold out at the stores, but because of the other lousy VCR games - particularly "Mattel's" - the stores are not reordering. They are going to do some TV and will try lowering the price so that they can retail for $20.00. I asked if they have any plans for next yr. Not yet, but if they want to add to the strategy games I'll get first crack. Then he said that it would be a good thing for him and Sue Adamo to come visit, talk, look, and probably we'll come up w. something (and they'll bring food so that BB can relax with us). Sam gave me copy of Magnetic SMATH. Spoke to Sue Adamo for a moment, and Kris Lynch for a while. Sam asked, and I told him abt. BAZAAR w. "Discovery Toys." He knows people who used to work there.

To "Seven Towns" to talk to Larry Mass, but no-one there.

Called "MB" abt. 4 P.M. and asked for Mike Langieri - not at his desk. Asked, and was transferred to Mike Gray's ~~Told him abt. trouble getting flyers~~ office. Not there, but he called me back shortly. Told him abt. DOMINATION; he went to see Mike Meyers, who was in a meeting; Meyers said they were stuck on DOMINATION, it doesn't look as if they can do anything w. a strategy game, and that I should hear within 10 days abt. getting it back. As for the card games, they were looking at a lot of them today, but there is still time for mine, but get them in ASAP; however, there is no certainty that they will go w. card games. I asked which games he did: SHOGUN; a complete redo of GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS; Re-doing WIN, LOSE & DRAW from a TV game starring Burt Reynolds. Talking abt. TOY FAIR, and when I mentioned PERSONAL PREFERENCE he said it sounded like SYMPATHIE by "Ravensburger," where there are cards w. various pictures; 7 are dealt and me player arranges them in order of preference. He asked abt. my games & I told him abt. BAZAAR w. "Discovery Toys"; I asked and he'd like a copy. Asked, and it is OK. to call him at 11 P.M. Mike won't be involved w. the card games at all. He used to be in on all kinds of games but now they have a lot of new people in "R&D." Ed Wood came

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3 Tuesday
March 1987

Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
Town Meeting Day (Vt.)
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Rcd. package fr. "Spencer Price, Inc." w. EDUCATED GUESS.

Rcd. S,&T. (#110 Nov.-Dec. '86). Ad by "GDW" for COMMAND DECISION, JOHNNY REB, & HARPOON (Miniatures Rules), "Works in Progress": KOREA; THE MOBILE WAR, KANEV, MANCHU, CHICKAMAUGA. Letter from "Microprose" abt. DECISION IN THE DESE Complete game - HASTINGS, 1066 - by Richard Berg. Variations of BARBAROSSA Ad for "SPI" games: SNIPER, REBEL SABRES, COBRA, NAPOLEON'S LAST BATTLES, JULIUS CAESAR, WORLD WAR II. "Berg's Review of Games": ROMMEL AT BAY (World Wide Wargames); DYNAMO: DUNKIRK, 1940 (3W - in [redacted] THE WARGAMER); KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE (3W - in mag.); RAF (West End Games) - by John Butterfield "Errata" for REMEMBER THE MAINE!; also "Designer's Notes and Optional Rules." Ad by "GDW" for TRAVELLER: 2300. Ad by "SSI" for WARGAME CONSTRUCTION SE & WARSHIP.

Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (March '87 / Vol. 8 No. 3). Nothing on games.

Got HIGH SPIRITS, PIECE OF THE ACTION, & NOW OR NEVER into final shape To P.O. and mailed package to Michael Langieri - 1st class, insured for $200, and return card ($5.54 total).

When didn't receive report from "Pressman" called Murray Hellman. Spoke to sect. and my check for DOORWAYS -- was sent yesterday.

Called Wayne Schmittberger. Right now they are very busy thinking of ideas for alternate month issues. An issue of game reviews is probable, and we'll get together after they decide how they are going to go w. it. They are also thinkin of a 16-page "Pencilwise Plus" which subscribers can have mounted into their GAMES for an extra price. I asked abt. reviews. Nothing needed now; they planned 3 pages for Apr./May but it was cut to 2 - and there is a backlog. My review of CHEKIT is in Apr./May, and also [redacted] my SCORE UP; Scott Manley got a perfect score, but he had to work hard before he did. I mentioned that I didn't receive payment for either of these. They are rearranging the offices to set up another conference room. They will be getting rid of some of their games, etc.; the staff will take some, but there should be plenty for me to choose from. I asked, and they pretty surely will be moving to Hoboke when their lease is up. He & Roy DeVries got together w. A. Obbens when he was in N.Y. "Jumbo" has done an attractive job w. producing ORIENT EXPRE (THE ORIENT EXPRESS MYSTERY DETECTIVE GAME), but they changed the pla Cards w. the clues are layed out on the board next to the spaces. W. a throw of 1 or 6 the train doesn't move and only the player moving the mar sees the clue; w. a throw of 2 to 5 the train moves and all players see th clue. They find that the player w. most 1s & 6s always wins. They seemed like ON ASSIGNMENT, but nothing definite yet. He mentioned supplements for THE ORIENT --- (later I checked & I have nos. 1 & 2).

Call fr. Ron Weingartner at "MB" - in answer to my previous telephone ca Told him what I was concerned w. and that, after call from Mike Gray (yesterday I sent out 3 card games to Mike Langieri; and that Mike Meyers is suppos to let me know abt. DOMINATION. Told him that I was sure that I remembere him (later checked and it was in '74 & the next few yrs).

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Ash Wednesday,
First Day of Lent
63/302

Wednesday 4
March 1987

Call from Ted Haimes. The designer can't make it at 10:30 A.M. today. As soon as there are other arrangements he will call me. Abt. JUMP.

Rcd. the letter from Bill Riva that Felicia called me abt. yesterday. He is coming to NY soon and we'll get together.

From Martin Gardner rcd. rules for THE SISTI CHALLENGE. (These are diff. then the ones I copied in '84.)

From "Ravensburger" rcd. royalty report for 2nd half '86: DM 3,542.93: for METROPOLIS.

From GAMES (PSC Limited Partnership) rcd. check for $375.00 - for CHEKIT review and SCORE UP.

Rcd. copy of SPIELBOX (Nr. 6, Dez 86/Jan. 87). Dupl. of one rcd. on 2/11 (??).

Call from Felicia to see if I rcd. the letter from Bill Riva; yes, and we spoke abt. it. Had to cut her off (to take BB to dental surgeon).

Called Felicia. Told her abt. BAZAAR @ "Discovery Toys" - and that the opening was made by an ~~our~~ acquaintance - but that she will get her fee. Not sure if I told her last night, so mentioned sending 3 card games to "MB." I brought up Jeff Conrad and his saying he'd contact us in March abt. seeing SHAPE & SHATTER again & REACH; we agreed she'll wait a while before calling him.

Call from Ted Haimes. Date Fri. @ 10:30 A.M. I asked, and the meeting to show JUMP to "Hasbro" has been postponed until next wk.

5 Thursday

March 1987

64/301

Rcd. check from "Pressman" for 4th quarter '86 - $19,156.41
For DOORWAYS - -,

Rcd. mailing for "GDW": TWILIGHT: 2000, TRAVELLER, TRAVELLER 2300, EUROPA, SCORCHED EARTH, AIR SUPERIORITY. (In '87 misc.)

Call from Ted Haines, sect. Date tomorrow changed to 2:30 P.M.

Friday 6

World Day of Prayer

65/300

March 1987

Call from Gary Singer. After a little discussion arranged that when I will go downtown (to "Marketing Equities") I'll call him abt. going to his place to see PHENOMALOGY. (Why not today?)

To "Marketing Equities" for meeting w. Ted Haines & Marty Kornblum. They told me abt. TRIVIAL PURSUIT (TV GAME), and gave me a tape to take home to look at. It will start in the fall, but not nationwide. "Horn Abbot" is breaking their contract w. "Coleco" as not living up to their contract; they will talk to "Kenner" & to "Hasbro." Actually Scott Abbott is getting away from games; but Chris Haney - the "Horn" of "Horn Abbot" (?) - is staying w. it, and will be involved w. the questions for JUMP. The day after we spoke abt. 5-LETTER LINGO there was a pc. in the paper that "Michael Reagan" will be hosting a LINGO (TV GAME). Marty doesn't think it will last and still wants to work on 5-LETTER LINGO. He also had some ideas on SIGN UP, but I still don't see it as very workable. Spoke abt. JUMP - the basic game, Speed JUMP - the end-game, and Broad JUMP - the combined game. I'm to write the rules, and will bring them in Weds. morning, so that they can have them for meeting w. "Hasbro" Thurs. Ted & Marty want to play over the weekend - and I loaned my checkers to Ted.

To visit the Levy's. Returned TIME WAR (Yaquinto). Took the following games to look at and pick those I'd want to keep: NEBULA; QUARTERS (T.J. Products, Inc.); CHALLENGE THE I.R.S. (E. Biondi/D. Fischer); SLOTS AND SPOTS; CAMMY; SAM'S HOOLIGAN (Classic Games); MACAU - THE NAME OF THE GAME (Dep't. of Tourism); "GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS" (P.); WABC-TV'S MEDIA CAREERS (Promotional) INTERNATIONAL RUMMY (Spare-Time Products). Looked at the following games quickly - most (if not all) of which he took at TOY FAIR or were sent to him: SPACE DICE (Present Games Ltd. - London) - Interesting board & lousy rules, he said; PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES - on Pg. 181 in Directory; TAKEOVER (Champion Games) - How did I miss this?; QUADS (Quads Inc., P.O. Box 1836, NDS 8702) - at "Midwest Marketing Inc." booth - he'll get me repros of rules; HOKIE GOLF - will get me repros; FARLEY FOOTBALL; SHADOW & V-GATE (Parlour Masters Inc.); CORRUPTION - he has 2 copies; BALDERDASH; RISKY BUSINESS (Laycee Games Inc.); THE HONEYMOONERS GAME (TSR); TRONQUEST; COMBINATION; COUPLE UP (Continental Promotions Inc.) - Party game; MANEUVERING; DICT., KINGS & THINGS. I mentioned the game of taking countries by spelling the name - WORLDMASTER (R & M Trading Ltd.) (actually didn't remember the name as I spoke abt. it). They were invited to a costume murder game party - but it was LONDON MURDER MYSTERY GAME (D.S.A./Tuco/Waddingtons) and it stank; told them what Gary Lane said, but they said no matter what the clues were, finding the murderer was nothing. Played BUYWORD and they liked it so much that we played again. Set next date for 3/27.

7 Saturday

March 1987

First Quarter
66/299

Rcd. notice from "Chemical Bank" that $1,928.60 was deposited in checking acc't. - for METROPOLIS. (see 3/4).
Rcd. card back, that package to Mike Langieri on 3/5.
Rcd. envelope from Giampaolo Dossena: His article in LA STAMPA abt. CAN'T STOP by me, mention of Alex Randolph & his BLITZ; also his card (which I stapled to the clipping).

To Claude. Brought him the book on candy that Wayne Schmittberger gave to me. He gave me THE OFFICIAL PRICE GUIDE TO COLLECTIBLE TOYS; 12 pages on games - HIGH SPIRITS WITH CALVIN AND THE COLONEL & abt. half a dozen others that I have. At flea market at his church bought COLOR TRON (D.A.V. / Valentino Corp.) ($2.00); CROSS CHECK (TSR) ($3.00). To "Glendale Diner" for early supper. Took them back to their apt. & then back home.
Message on machine from Charles Barouch ((718-762-6730)) who met me thru Marvin Silbermintz. He'd like to know what Marvin is doing.

To Lawrences. Jill, Phil, & I played TAKEOVER; I won by "debts," but both of them were close to getting the cash; they liked it. The 3 of us played BAZAAR; Jill won; there was a problem w. differentiating the yellow & white "jewels" except when they were on a white background.
Annette gave me an article from TIMES (of 1/18/87) on New York City's "Unincorporated Business Tax."

Sunday 8
March 1987

First Sunday in Lent
67/298

Going over mat'l. to talk to Felicia & Mel Bush abt. tomorrow.

Called Charles Baroucb. Told him what I knew abt. Marvin Silbermintz' activities, and gave him Marvin's address (since I had trouble finding his telephone no.). I asked what he was doing; something on a mag. called GATEWAYS - on role playing games.

Call from Claude to say he really liked the book I gave him yesterday; to thank the one responsible (Wayne Schmittberger).

9 Monday

March 1987

Rcd. ~~sheet~~ from "West End" announcing STAR WARS (ROLEPLAYING GAME).

Mel went

To Felicia's; Mel Bush there, ~~went~~ over Felicia's checks that were sent to Bill Riva for DOMINATION, and pretty sure I found the cut-off pt. (see notes at rear of 'Bill Riva Business folder). Felicia showed me "A.H." statement for 3rd & 4th quarters '86: The totals - - ACQUIRE - $835.01; VENTURE - $15.25; SLEUTH - $44.98; EXECUTIVE DEC. - $4.76; My games add up to $900.00 - $135 to Felicia & $765 to me, (COMPUTER ACQUIRE was (-)$16.55, but they didn't deduct it.) The check was made out to "IS Ltd" and she ~~closed~~ closed that account; told her no problem waiting till she gets a new check. As for Bill Riva's share of DOMINATION we'll wait until we find out what he owes us. Since Felicia has more of this money I'll hold on to her share of the BAZAAR advance. Mel went down for lunch for the 3 of us.

Mel walked me most of the way to GAMES. His new address {
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173 Pascock
(201) 391-8492

At GAMES Wayne Schmittberger showed me the room that used to be Burt Hochberg's & John Keenen's offices, made over into a game playing room. Noticed a pile of STOCK MARKET SPECIALIST (John Hansen) and Wayne said to take one - dupl. I asked, and Wayne got a letter ~~saying~~ saying that it is ok. to give out his address so I can send it to George Gasparovik; {
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Hanenberglanden 131
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Netherlands

Spoke to Scott Marley and he said he'll probably be needing a review from me in abt. a month, and I should pick the one to do. He had 2 copies of ENERGY BARON, but wants to hold on to both; Made repros of rules & other matl. - but missed the number of wells for each location; They'll be playing it in a day or so. I asked, and he gave me a copy of Feb./Mar. GAMES; ran of 6 more repros of "Guru" article. Made repros: CITADEL (selected Scientific Specialties); CAMMY, SLOTS N' SPOTS & SAM'S HOOLIGAN (Classic Games Co.) - later added info on the dice to the last 2; PARTNERS (Willow Wind) - have to check exactly how many dice are included. Asked, and Scott gave me some GAMES stationery (later found I already had some). John Keenen gave me the mail for me. Letter from Tom Morley - our meeting on 2/14 - rules for CHEKIT RUMMY - placed this w. original copy of the game, CHEKIT. From Eric Fredricksen asking abt. KGB - which he saw in the picture. From Don Reardon, a kid asking abt. how to invent a game. Envelope from George Jordy Haines w. letter; booklet on his BACCHES; Rules etc. for his ARMAGEDDON; Notes on him. (Next 3 sent to "Editor" & then routed to me.) From Judy Yahnke wanting copy of "P's" GAMBLER for husband's birthday. From Paul Norland, asking for LOST TREASURE (P.), but no return address. From Patti F. Bush, asking for RATRACE. A gal gave me 2 "Games Quirks" T-shirts. (Gave them to Brian.)

BB got call from Walter Luc Haas - in hurry for a SPIELBOX and wanted dates on JOCKEY ('75) & LOSE YOUR SHIRT ('76) & who invented them. Looked for info & then called him; no answer but then he called me. Told him dates & that I didn't know the inventor. Then discovered that on 3/9/67 Steve Spencer told me abt. JOCKEY - which was never published in U.S. (I am pretty sure). He wondered if Eric Solomon got idea for THE SIGMA FILE from JOCKEY; said I am sure it was completely independent. (I called him w. this latest info.)

Tuesday 10
March 1987

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Rcd. package from "West End" w.: FIRE TEAM; PRICE OF FREEDOM; Gamemaster Pack"; YOUR OWN PRIVATE IDAHO - adventure for THE PRICE OF FREEDOM.

Called "Seven Towns" abt. speaking to Lavry Mass. Call back from "Etta" - he'll probably be in tomorrow, so drop by.

Call fr. Felicia. Something abt. Bill Riva (?). Still having trouble abt. the check from "A.H." made out to "IS Ltd."
2nd call fr. Felicia. She called "International" to speak to Jeff Conrad, but he was out of town. She called "M.B." and spoke to "Joan" - Mike Meyers sect. I believe - abt. the card games - HIGH SPIRITS, etc. - in general.

Call from James Smith asking abt. the rules he sent me for KNEXT (see 10/24/86). Told him I just didn't have a chance to get to them. He said that they were wrong and he'll send me new ones. He'll call again in 2 wks.

Called Gary Singer to tell him I'll be downtown tomorrow. He is leaving for a vacation & will call me when he gets back.

Looked at the tape for TRIVIAL PURSUIT (TV GAME). Production was flashy. Didn't like the idea that a player could spend "money" to give next player a harder question - helping the other 2 players who don't have to contribute. Also the player reaching the center first must beat each of the other 3 players to get the prizes - otherwise the other 3 split the prizes. The "winner" gets $1000 and can spend $500 for an extra "life" in the coming contest. It would probably be better to allow him to buy up to 5 extra "lives" for $ 200 each. (Just some rough notes.)

Annette Laurence has been talking to BB abt. an idea for her and her family to go into business producing some of my games. She thinks they should be inexpensive, like an ad in the newspapers (see 2/22). She feels that I wouldn't be interest in the business end - and she is so right! Told BB to tell her that I certainly can supply the games.

11 Wednesday

3/12

March 1987

70/295

To "Marketing Equities" - Marty Kornblum not there & spoke to Ted Haimes. He played JUMP w. Marty and they found it ran too long using questions. Ted suggested losing a pc. for answering wrong on a move; I suggested winning by getting a set no. of kings; we pretty much agreed on using both, as well as the rule as I wrote it yesterday. Returned the TRIVIAL PURSUIT (TV GAME) tape and told Ted some of my objections & possible cures; he said to hold off. Spoke to Steve & he showed me a draft of the contract. I had some objections which he'll take up w. the lawyers. Gave Ted rules for JUMP; he ran repros for me.

To "Seven Towns" & Larry Moss there, while he was on phone looked at VAMPO (Schmidt Spiel) and got repros of the French rules; Larry said that Howard Wexler had the original idea, but that Larry & Tom Kremer changed the theming. Larry got call from Tom & when Larry said I was there Tom said that he just rcd. the models for CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR-ARMED BANDIT, & that he'd look at them. In the conversation Stan Clutten was mentioned & something abt. Phil Orbanes - later Larry said that Stan was laid off by "Coleco"; John McNeff (see '77 an) also came up (also fired?). We agreed that "Coleco" hasn't been acting right - what they did to John Vernon for instance. But "Coleco" is supposed to be doing a ~~word~~ GAME that he & Tom developed; I asked, and it wasn't the one that was similar to my BUYWORD (actually, see 7/3/86). Larry said that "Coleco" has a staff for doing a lot of their items in-house. Larry said that Tom Kremer loves ACROSS, but is trying to figure out a theme for selling it. Larry has TAKEOVER & will try it; told him I have been playing & enjoying it; it needs a theme. Took me to lunch at Chinese restaurant. In connection w. puzzles - like Will Shortz sometimes uses as radio-GAMES came up; I'll give him back numbers when he comes here.

Call from Gary Gabrel ((303-444-4642)). An inventor came to him w. a GAME using wooden pcs. to vary where oil will be found; he asked if it had been done - yes GUSHER (Caram). I also told him abt. "M.B.'s" KING OIL. I asked if he was going back into publishing games; no, but he is sometimes contacted by inventors & he tries to help them by suggesting places to show their games. I said that when Tom Braunlich & Rollie Tesh were working for him there was a GAME of mine that wasn't returned. He said he has a few things around and if I give him the name he'll look for it. Checked my records after, and IMPULSE was sent to him in '83, and finally came back.

Call from Ted Haimes. Couldn't find the "positions" for SPEED JUMP, so I read them off to him.

Copied complete info for NEBULA (but see tomorrow). Looked at some of other games I took to look at from Herb Levy. CHALLENGE THE I.R.S. (E. Biondi/D. Fischer '75, '76) - not great, but worth keeping. "GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS" (P. '69) - Cute idea of a central spinner that directs which path to follow, it is reached frequently, and some spaces send you there - but it is really for children. MACAU - THE NAME OF THE GAME (Compliments of Dept. of Tourism - Macau) - an inferior imitation of MONOPOLY. WABC-TV'S MEDIA CAREERS - a promotional game, and a pc. of junk! ('77).

(cont. on 3/12)

Thursday 12
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Checking on some of the games I took from Herb Levy to look at: Rcd. a copy of NEBULA in '77; Got info - except for makeup of the special dice - for CAMMY & SAM'S HOOLIGAN & SLOTS & SPOTS (Classic Games) in '75. Have a copy of INTERNATIONAL RUMMY - 1958 edition; Herb's is '42 - these are from "Spare-Time Products." QUARTERS (T. J. Products, Inc. - '83) is a trivial drinking game; by bouncing a quarter into a cup you get to draw a card that advances you - and sometimes moves you back - and also lets you drink (rough idea).

Rcd. "UPS" package w. CONGLOMERATE (Conglomerate Board Games, Inc.). Letter from Gregory Waylock abt. changes - and some ad mat'l.
Thru PLAYTHINGS card rcd. "Apple Street" catalog - a dupl.
Rcd. mailing from "Clemens and Associates, Inc.": Mention of UNIVERSE II; descriptions of TERRA II, CELESTREK II, & GAMEPLAN II. Also ad for PAPER MAYHEM mag. - the Informative PBM Magazine.

Called Scott Marley and he gave me the nos. of wells for ENERGY BARON - so that I can try it w. P.&P.; they will probably play it today - I asked him for a report. Told him I had INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE; they tried it & it was disappointing. We are both waiting for MEGA-RAIDER.

Call from Felicia; did Bill Riva call me? - no. He asked her for my no. & said he would call. When - and if - he does we should set up a date to go to her apt. She hasn't mentioned money to Bill.

Realized that I hadn't covered what happens in SPEED JUMP if the king lands on a "Black Hole." Thinking of allowing the opponent to choose the category, but then realized that the opponent could deliberately use up time - and this can always be done. Called & asked for Ted Haimes to call me; called a second time & sect, said that Ted was traveling today - gave her the message and she tell him when he calls in.

Claude called. He got a letter from Jürgen Hagedorn asking for Claude's rules for 4-hand & 6-hand LINES OF ACTION, without a word on contract or payment. We, including Anne, discussed our each writing to Hagedorn. I'll call him tomorrow abt. getting together Sat.

Call from Robin King. Next "Mensa" meeting on 3/21 at Phil Cohen wants to locate Ralph Betza. Told her I'll check w. Wayne Schmittberger.
~~[illegible]~~

Medea Eder
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(212)-344-1156

Called Gary Gabrel. At a meeting. Left message abt. all my games were returned. The woman didn't seem to understand, so I suggested that he call me.

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In talk w. Larry Mass he confirmed that RUBIK'S STRATEGY GAME (Matchbox) was the same as HEADS & TAILS (Ideal - England).

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called Wayne Schmittberger. He checked & his address for I asked, and there still isn't anything for me to get involved with at GAMES.

Ralph Betza
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Rcd. 3 copies of Apr./May GAMES. Reviews of AREA (New Dimensions); SALE OF THE CENTURY (American Publishing Co.); CLUTCH FOOTBALL (Clutch Games); CHECKIT (Baekgaard Ltd.). My game - SCORE UP. Ad for BAYARD (Mosan Products, Inc.); for GUMSHOE - by "Games Mail Order." "The Gallery": VARI TRIVIAL (JJD Games Ult.); FANTASY BASKETBALL (Fantasy Basketball); MURDER BY MAIL; STARSHIPS 4 RENT (Fantastic Simulations); COLLEGE: THE GAME OF KNOWLEDGE (Sibilatrix, Inc.); GO (Ishi Press Inter.)

Rcd. invite to a benefit for CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN to be held @ "F.A.O. Schwartz".

Call from Gary Gabrel. Told him that I got my game (IMPULSE) back from him. Spoke abt. my collection and invited him to visit; he'd like to, but doesn't get to N.Y.C. much. He said that he'd like to do anything he could to help find a home for the collection. I asked, and he doesn't get GAMES. Told him I'd sent repro of article on me. Mentioned that in '83 we spoke abt. playing ACQUIRE w. 2 boards (ACQUIRE DOUBLES); he didn't remember this, but he does have a variation that sounds pretty good. On a turn a player can sell as well as buy stock, w. a limit of 3 transactions.

Gary Gabrel
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Boulder, CO 80302

Call from Rollie Tesh. The co. that has him on retainer - "Sports Games International" (SGI) has gotten the financing they have been working on. Rollie is working on a series of card games to be called "New American Classics." These will be [redacted] in the "Bandaid" boxes he told me abt. & sent one. The box will hold 81 cards, but this is tight, so less is preferable. Joli Kansil will probably let them use BRIDGETTE. They have a CANASTA variation they call ROYALTY RUMMY; I asked, and he knows abt. ROYALTY (S.J. Miller). He wants a solitaire to be called ALL FOR ONE that can be played on a small space, such as a tray in an airplane. He thought he could find one in a book, but hasn't been able to. He likes the idea of my BOWLING SOLITAIRE, but not the connection w. BOWLING. Told him I was sure I could come up w. a suitable solitaire. I also mentioned PE-LING / TRIAD. Arranged that I'd send him the summary TRIAD card. They were also thinking of including PINOCHLE, but Rollie doesn't think it is great; I agreed. If they do something like PINOCHLE he wants "info" cards for each of the players. I'll be working on ALL FOR ONE and he'll call in a wk.

Rollie Tesh
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I mentioned talking to Gary Gabrel today; Rollie said he'll see him tomorrow. Invented a game called ALL FOR ONE, using a 60-card deck. I played it a couple of times - and BB stayed up too late w. it. Made deck of rough cards.

Called Claude to tell him I didn't feel up to going there tomorrow to go to the sales.

Saturday 14

Albert Einstein born 1879

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BB & I played more games of ALL FOR ONE - separately & together.

called Robie Tesh to tell him abt. ALL FOR ONE; he said it sounded good. Asked, and he said that a fancy deck of cards weren't necessary. Told him I'd send it out middle of next wk. Mentioned that since they have ROYALTY RUMMY they might not want TRIAD, since it is also a RUMMY type game; he said that since it is like MAH-JONG it should be enough different. I'll send the card when I send ALL FOR ONE.

Call from Ronnie Corn. He asked abt. the latest board for his TOWER 6. Found info in '80 & in '84 diaries, and read it off to him. He is thinking of sending it to Walter Luc Haas for SPIELBOX. WHERE TO? another possibility.

In connection w. call from James Smith abt. KNEXT (3/10) looked for the copy, and finally found it.

Call from Robin King. Difficult to get into Medea Edey's apt. house. Bob Abbott has a key and many will meet there before 1:30 on 3/21, to go together. Scott Marley is coming. Gave her Ralph Betza's address & no.

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Full Moon
Second Sunday in Lent
Purim, Feast of Lots
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Call from Ted Haimes. They showed JUMP to "Hasbro" Thurs. Before they played they were told that "strategy" & "trivia" were 2 topics that we've dead; after playing they said that JUMP broke the rules - they like it. Marty Kornblum wants to show it to "Kenner/Parker" & to "World of Wonders" before placing it. I told Ted abt. the problem w. deliberately stalling in speed JUMP and the "Black Hole" - also my suggestion for a set number of questions, and the questioner choosing category for "Black Hole" - he liked them. Also the idea for a "chip" to keep track of all the counting for the deluxe model, instead of pegs - which Peter, the designer, said always get lost. In trip to "Hasbro" he, Marty, and Steve spoke abt. my contract, and all agreed that the $1,000 should not be an advance. He asked if I could come in next wk. to brain storm on SIGN UP - sure, just give me a little advance notice.

Call from Ronnie Corn, to check on our next date (3/28). In going thru a file drawer he came across a board & rules for NEXUS ('77 - James J. Faulkner & same co. names) - and wondered where they came from. Checked my diaries and found that I got a simpler NEXUS set in '73. After we hung up found that Ronnie gave me repros of his set in '78. In '73 I had conversations w. Faulkner.

Dana & Robin King dropped in. Asked Robin if she wanted to play ALL FOR ONE - no, but when I started playing she decided to try it - she lost. Played several games by myself earlier.

Call from Annette Laurence. She said that when she makes a suggestion abt. a business to her family, they usually pooh-pooh it. But they liked the idea of doing a series of my GAMES. Someone - probably Victor - suggested calling them "The Sackson Chronicles." Told her that having my name included was of no importance to me, and probably wouldn't mean much in the U.S. But, of course, we'll have to talk abt. the whole project.

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(See 5/25/83) & FANTASY ROLE PLAYING GAMES. Over 25 Photos and Illus. Intriguing introduction to one of today's most popular pastimes - D & D. Dr. J Eric Holmes, one of the game's earliest advocates, explains the mystical allure of this most sophisticated role playing fantasy game as he describes its origans, basic rules and variations. (Publ. at $14.95 - Now $1.98). Couldn't get the min. & didn't order. (Later found that I rcd. copy of ANOTHER ALMANAC OF WORDS AT PLAY on 3/8/86.)

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Made set of cards for ALL FOR ONE & wrote most of the rules.

Rcd. package w. MEGA-RAIDER (Universal Games). Letter from Yvonne Liu - pres.

Call from Michael Thompson. He is aware (how?) that in "M.B.'s" BROADSIDE there are some plastic ship pcs. He'd like to make a mold to cast pcs. for his GAME. Told him I thought that I had a dupl. He'll call me after 4/15. (Later checked & I got a dup'l. in '83.)

Rcd. letter from Neil Withers, collector of mechanical puzzles. A PUZZLE of mine is one of his favorites. Also likes FITTING & PROPER. Would like to get copies of SWEEP & RIGHT CONNECTIONS (Springbok).

Rcd. letter from James Smith w. the new rules for KNEXT.

Rcd. another dupl. of Apr./May '87 GAMES.

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Called David Berko @ "Match box" - in a meeting, but he called me back. Altho I said that I couldn't do anything towards reviewing it he'll send me a copy of RUBIK'S MAGIC. They also have some copies of a 12-panel RUBIK'S MAGIC, and he'll try to send me one - which I might be able to cover. RUBIK'S STRATEGY GAME will be ready in a month or so & he'll send one. He said that this is HEADS & TAILS, invented by Tom Kremer. He said that if RUBIK'S MAGIC does well for 2 or 3 yrs. then they'll be looking for more puzzles, and will call on me - I mentioned THE INFINITE PUZZLE. We spoke abt. game cos., and he said that as much as he & Jack Daniels would like, there is slight chance of "Match box" going into games.

Call from Paul Fuccillo of "Ronin Enterprises", asking about KUMITE & THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR. Told him that didn't get a chance to play them yet. He said that Herb Levy likes THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR & that Scott Manley said he will be playing it in a day or so. Told Paul I'd try it & talk to Scott abt. it Saturday.

Called Rich Hanson. In a meeting, and I asked ~~that he~~ call me.

In connection w. letter from Judy Yahnke (see 3/9) called Herb Levy - he does have a copy of GAMBLER for sale & will write to her. I asked what he has rcd. He likes INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE - told him that Scott Manley didn't. He rcd. a shipment from "DMR Games" - told him I liked some of theirs, but not CHASSE - he doesn't think it is bad. He feels that THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR has some good points. Among those he doesn't like is WITT AND WISDOM - it is just a matter of coming up w. wisecracks; told him I got cards last yr. - he has a board too. He just rcd. THE WHALE GAME and CONGLOMERATE.

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St. Patrick's Day
Evacuation Day (Boston)
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From TIME of 11/10/86 clipped pc. on THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UBI w. picture of Scott Abbot, Chris Haney, & John Haney. Mentions of TRIVIAL PURSUIT, D&D, Erno Rubik.

Finished rules for ALL FOR ONE.

Rec'd: SPIELBOX (Nr. 1, Feb/März '87). Ad by "F.X. Schmid" for FIGURIX. "Spielwarenmesse" w. pictures of: XERXES (F.X. Schmid); AUFACHSE (F.X. Schmid); DER SCHATZ DER INKA (Ravensburger); BREMER STADTMUSIKANTEN; LOCOMOTION (Franckh); TIM UND STRUPPI (Ravensburger); KRIMI-PARTY (Schmidt Spiele); ANTI-MONOPOLY III/WASHINGTON-MOSKAU (ASS) - by Ralph Anspach; DER FLIEGENDE TEPPICH (Ravensburger); MUSIC BOX (ASS); TATORT TITANIC (Schmidt Spiele); WHITE LADY (Franckh); WAS KOSTET DIE WELT (Kenner/Parker); TIMON (Franckh); BLACK VIENNA (Franckh); WILLY WEIDLE'S 1, 2, 3 (ASS); CUBUS (Franckh); ~~OMNIBUS~~ OMNIBUS (Herder). Article, by Bernward Thole, on Rudi Hoffmann: JANUS, NUMERI, ELDORADO, OGALLALA, MINISTER, NUMERI; WENDELIN UND WANDA; SCHMUGGLERJAGD; HAMSTERN, JAG UND SCHLAG; MUROS, FISCHERS FRITZE. "Kartenspiele: OH; SYMPATHIE (Otto Maier); CORDA (Franckh); DAS SCHLIMME OMBAGASSISCHE SCHLINGPFLANZENSPIEL (Editim Perlhuhn); O'NO99 (Amigo), SCHNUFF (Otto Maier); RAGE (Amigo); BETTLER UND DIEBE (K/P) Article on the development of HEIMLICH & CO. Reviews: JARNAC (Spear/Apex); NETZWERK (Fagus) - by Knut-Michael Wolf - w. mention of me, NETWORK; & AGOG/SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE; Correction on ARBORA (Franck'sche); DAS BLAUE AMULETT (Noris); MAGELLAN (Flying Turtle Games); IM DRACHEN-LABYRINTH (ASS). "Spielebücher"; SPIELE FÜR ZWEI (Hugendubel) - by Karl Heinz Koch - reviewed by Walter Luc Haas, mentioning SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE, me, SCHATTENBOXEN & GLASPERLENSPIEL, & others; BLOCK-UND BLEISTIFT-SPIELE (Hugendubel). Complete game - OBST-SALAT by Rik Van Even, "Besser Spielen" - DOMINO, BERGEN, DIPLOMACY (Russia). Ad for "Hexagames" w. just repeated logos. Article on SPHINX. "Matthias Malas schnelle Spielchen": ESELSOHREN, BLINDENNUND, PHARAONENGRAB. Ad for MIMMI UND TOMMI - book by "Beltz & Gelberg." Columns on SLEUTH, SCRABBLE, CODE 777, DAME. Article on "F.X. Schmid" w. listing of TRICOLOR, PAGODE, XERXES, LASKA, CARAMBA, TYPISCH DU, CRISS-CROSS, SNIFF, SAMURAI, TRADE, LEGRAND, MASCO, VECTOR, RUSSISCH ROULETTE, SEESCHLACHT, HIGH-GAMMEN, CASINO ROYAL, SACRAMENTO, LINOP & LOOK - by Alex Randolph. "Spielwiese" - by Walter Luc Haas - IM DRACHEN-LABYRINTH & GOLDRUSH 1849. Ad by "Ravensburger" for RUCK ZUCK. (Pg. 10) - "Die beliebsten Spiel 1986": 1) HEIMLICH & CO.; 2) SCOTLAND YARD; 3) HOTELKÖNIG/ACQUIRE; 4) DAS VERRÜCKTE LABYRINTH; 5) HASE UND IGEL; 6) DAMEFROSS; 7) TRIVIAL PURSUIT; 8) TALISMAN; 9) CLUEDO; 10) JUNTA; 11) DIE DREI MAGIER; 12) RISIKO; 13) KÖNIG DER STERNE; 14) CIVILIZATION; FOTOSAFARI OMBAGASSA (15); 16) GREYHOUNDS; 17) DIPLOMACY; 18) FOCUS; 19) CODE 777; 20) SHERLOCK HOLMES (Franckh-Kosmos) --- "Die unbeliebsten Spiele": 1) MAD; 2) MONOPOLY; 3) RISIKO; 4) SPIEL DES LEBENS; 5) TRIVIAL PURSUIT; 6) MANKOMANIA; 7) ANTI-MONOPOLY; 8) MENSCH ÄRGERE DICH NICHT; 9) JUNTA; 10) DAMEFROSS. (Pg. 11) - Ad by "Schmidt Spiele" for: DER HEXENMEISTER VOM FLAMMENDEN BERG; HÖLLENHAUS; KRIMI-PARTY-NACHFLUG IN DEN TOD; TATORT TITANIC; PREISFISCHEN; DRACHENFELS - by Alex Randolph; MENSCH ÄRGERE DICH NICHT.

Call from Felicia. She wondered whether to give some of Pam Formato's children's items to Bill Riva; I suggested deciding after she sees him.

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Call from Felicia. She said that since she didn't have anything to do with "Discovery Toys" she didn't want any part of the BAZAAR money. I said that if it weren't for her & Alice there wouldn't be a BAZAAR. I did agree that if I did things specially for "D.T." she wouldn't be involved. Maria Riva called & told her that she was taking over all financial matters from Bill. We agreed again that we'd hold off trying to balance the books on DOMINATION, FOCUS, BAZAAR, in Germany, etc. until Maria contacts us abt. it.

Rcd. FLYING BUFFALO QUARTERLY (#57): ILLUMINATI; MOBIUS-I - description; Ad for BERSERKER BOARD GAME; for NUCLEAR ESCALATION/NUCLEAR WAR; STARWEB; HEROIC FANTASY, BATTLE PLAN, WORLD WAR, NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION, NUCLEAR WAR (PBM), GALACTIC CONFLICT, STARLORD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TREACHEROUS TRAJAN'S TRAP, FEUDAL LORDS, ILLUMINATI, MOBIUS-I; Ad by "Empire Game Systems for WARP FORCE EMPIRES.

Call from Gary Sherbell asking if I had played SUE FOR A MILLION - and I faked it. Told him I liked it, but it is basically an abstract game; he didn't argue. He asked if I knew Herb Levy - who got a copy; yes - and I'll try to arrange to play it w. him. As for a review, there will be so few that it is very questionable. He asked if I be willing to give him a recommendation to print on the box - we'll talk abt. it. If I do a review he can just quote from it. He has played it with 6 players in 2 teams, and found it fun. He'll send me info on it.

Call from Robert Schmidt. Rollie Tesh gave me as a reference. Schmidt has a game and is looking into whether he should publish it. Gave him my usual good reference, w. the possibility that Rollie might honestly overestimate his own ability in business matters. I suggested that he definitely speak to Gary Gabrel - and Rollie gave him as a reference too. He asked if I would also be a consultant; only on the play of the game; he may call on me. The name of his game is COUNTRY FAIR. Mentioned that I thought that "Cadaco" did a game of that name long ago. (Later looked & all I could find was GOIN' TO THE FAIR by "Spare-Time Corp.")

Called Rich Hanson again; on other phone & called me back. Told him abt. problem w. yellow & white "jewels" and suggestion of including white "mats." He sees the problem, but hopes that their budget will allow adding to BAZAAR. I asked, and he said that the 6 copies for me were "in the works." Told him I still couldn't get an answer from "M.B." on DOMINATION. I asked, and he said they liked --MAKES ONE and it is out for costing. It would be for '88.

BB typed rules for ALL FOR ONE and I added the diagram. Thinking of a competative game. Each player has one card face up before him, which is played on his turn and he takes another. Score for correct rows: 1 - 1 pt.; 2 - 3 pts.; 3 - 6 pts.; 4 - 10 pts. for not being able to make a correct row lose 4 pts. 4 or 6 players in teams would probably be even better. (Rough idea to be worked up.) BB played 2 solitaires - winning one and losing one.

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Interested in ANOTHER ALMANAC OF WORDS AT PLAY.

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St. Joseph
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Sent Jiffy Bag w. ALL FOR ~~[illegible]~~ ONE cards to Rollie Tesh (1st class-90¢). In separate envelope sent rules & note abt. competative game - also card for TRIAD.

By 1st class mail rcd. RUBIK'S MAGIC PUZZLE, just the 8-panel version. In answer to my PLAYTHINGS reader's card rcd. info on RESPONSE (See "Marino" - booth 411 on 2/19).

Rcd. package (Fed. Express) from "Midwest Marketing, Inc." w. the following: RISKY BUSINESS (Laycee Games Inc.); TRONQUEST (Tronquest); FOX & GEESE (West Enterprises, Inc.); MEMORY BANK (Memory Bank, Inc) - This is completely different from MEMORY BANK (Ungar) that I got in '86; QUADS (Quads, Inc.). Also catalog sheets for these games & COMBINATION & "Pen-Doodle-Um."

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THE YELLOWSTONE SURVIVAL GAME (Binney & Smith) - w. mention of GAMES mag. pc. on Jeff Conrad & David Jackman @ "International Games."

To Bob Abbott's and then w. them and others to — Medea Eder, 85 South St., (212)-344-1156 — for Mensa meeting. Set up a game of DOSSIER w. Anne & Bob, Bob Wittrock & Denise & Medea. ~~[illegible]~~ Medea left in the middle & I took over, for answering but not for accusing. Both Bobs still objected to placing chips rather than having a record of when an accusation was made. I agreed that for non-VCR this is better. Decided that players mark their accusation on their sheet and record the "round" in which it was made. The score is 11 - the round of the accusation, minus if wrong. Bob Abbott rarely had the chance to use his "question" cards. (Later decided to just mark the "category" on each card. When used it applies to the specific for that category on the card exposed. When 2 play each has 2 of each category; 3 of each category when 3 or 4 play; 4 of each category when 5 or 6 play. Players can choose from complete set, but can't give more than 1 to any player. Some Swedish friends of Media's came in and I showed CAN'T STOP to some of them. Robin King played STARZ! w. a young Mensa member (whose name I can't remember). Robin, Anne, & I played TAKEOVER and the game was anyone's until the very end. Next meeting set at Bob Wittrock's on 4/25.

BB got call from Rollie Tesh. He rcd. cards for ALL FOR ONE but not the rules. He has to show it Mon. morning, so BB gave him the info.
BB got call from Raymond Soncie, abt. Jürgen Hagedorn. He'll call again.
BB got call from Ken Viskocil. Asked if S&T was still being published. He'll call again.

Visit from Laurences. Spoke abt. their publishing "The Sackson Chronicles." In connection w. this took out SLY. We played GATEWAY - and they liked it. Spoke to Phil abt. calculators - he thinks that "Hewlett-Packard HP-15C" is good; he has one.

Friday 20 March 1987

First Day of Spring

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Call from Bill Riva. He wanted me to go there to go over the books, etc, Told him that Felicia wants us to go there, and she'll take us to a restaurant. BB said that she would go if Maria goes. He checked & Maria will change a date so that she can go to Felicia's, Spoke a little abt. gamecos, & he thought that "P," told him that Laurie Curran was leaving!! Arranged that I would call Felicia to set the date & then call him back, this evening.

Called Felicia and set Sunday afternoon as the meeting. Mentioned what Bill said abt. Laurie Curran, Told her I'd try to check w. Phil Orbaugs. Called "P," and asked for Phil Orbaugs - out of country till 3/27. Asked for Laurie Curran - in meeting & I spoke to "Debbie" (I believe). Asked for following review copies: BUMPER CARS; FUN CITY; INSTANT REPLAY; BOGGLE BOWL; NERF TABLE HOCKEY, said that I'd like to hear abt. CAN'T STOP; she'll have Laurie call me.

Called Eric Goldberg abt. not getting a "1099" from "West End Games." He'll look into it.

Call from Ron Miles in Canada. Had a sports GAME. Don't remember details, but probably he asked advice on selling it.

Call from Charles Cavanagh of "Uniway Trading Corp." ((813-549-4750)). A Norwegian co. said that they were the only suppliers in the world of CARROM BOARDS (I think they specified "mini-"). He wondered if they were made here. Told him yes - and by luck opened Directory on page for "Merdel Manufacturing Co." - who makes them (or at least handles them). I think he said he'd send me me when he gets them.

Thinking of playing DOORWAYS TO MYSTERY/DOSSIER tomorrow. Looked at Sam's info on 12/20/86 & 2/6.

Called Bill Riva at the no. he gave me this morning - ((570-9232)). Left my message after a beep - but no other message.

Call from Claude. He got a letter from Jürgen Hagedorn asking for rules for LINES OF ACTION up to 6 players. But not a word abt. contracts, etc. Raymond Soncie will call me to discuss our writing to Hagedorn.

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Johann Sebastian Bach born 1685

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Call from Bill Riva. He said he didn't get my message of last night (told him something wrong w/ his machine). Told him that meeting tomorrow is at Felicia's. (Probably the arrangement between Maria & BB was today - not yesterday.) ✓no. will be ((617-777-8699)).

Letter from Laurie Curran. Leaving P, to be replaced by Chris Campbell. Her new Rd. March PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following. Pc. on "P./Waddingtons" arrangement over MONOPOLY, CLUE, etc. Pc. on "TSR's" rebound after departure of Gary Gygax. Ad by "Victor Stanzel Co." for STAR BUG with STAR LANDING SPACE GAME. Pc. on Erno Rubik - RUBIK'S MAGIC - SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO RUBIK'S MAGIC. Article by Bill Garrity - TMA chairman. Article on game stores w. mentions of TRIVIAL PURSUIT; PICTIONARY, A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES, WHEEL OF FORTUNE (Pressman); GRAND MASTER (Hoyle), DINOSAURS AND THINGS (Aristoplay), THWART (Patomike); THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UBI; SCRABBLE, DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX (Victory Games), SALE OF THE CENTURY (American Publishing); PIG PONG (MB) - pictures of THE WINE CONNOISSEUR (BDJ Enterprises). DICT (Dict Inc.), THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UBI (S&R), JAMES BOND assortment, LADIES NIGHT (Maruca Industries), STRETCH CALL (El Ricco), SPIROMANIA (Rainbow Games), ANNEX (Sterling Games), THWART (Patomike), JITTERS (MB), INTREPID JOURNEY (Teamwork Entermainment), THE ELFQUEST BOARDGAME (Mayfair Games), DINOSAURS AND THINGS (Aristoplay), Ads: CUZZLE (Mind over Matter Games); GENERATIONS (Genealogy for Fun, Inc.); MYDI! (E. Pavella); KING'S COURT (Janjohn Games, Inc.); TV WARS (A.H.). Pc. on "VCR Enterprises Inc." w. VCR QUARTERBACK & VCR BASKETBALL GAME. Pc. on "University Games" w. DEATH IN ST. JAMES PARK & REVENGE OF KONAN CASTLE - in MURDER MYSTERY PARTY series; also TWENTY QUESTIONS. Pc. on MEGA-RAIDER by "Universal Games". Pc. on TOP OF THE CHARTS by "Carnival Toys," Pc. on "Putnam" publishing books on PHOTON. Pc. on "Sega of America" and 4 new attachments for its "Master System" video game line. Pc. on "GiO Games" w. PERSONALITY PROBE & SEXUALITY PROBE. Pc. on STAR-STRUCK by "Gorski & White." Ad for RESPONSE [redacted] (Marzip, Inc.). Pc. on "MB" w. MAX BACKTALK, WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW, JENGA, JITTERS, TORPEDO RUN, FIREBALL ISLAND, SHOGUN, FORTRESS AMERICA, THUNDER ROAD; compact versions of OTHELLO, HI-Q, TROUBLE. Ads: THWART (Patomike, Inc.); TRAVEL BUFF (CBE Corp.); INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE (Global Trends, Inc.); "Decipher" (full page) w. NO DICE, TELLING LIES, INKBLOTZ - THE GAME, THE NEXT WORD, NUMBER QUEST, THE BRAIN GAME, HOW TO HOST A MURDER, DECIPHER II. Article on "Videocassette Games": VIDEO TRIVIALITIES (Interactive VCR Games Inc.); CLUE VCR MYSTERY GAME (P.); VIDEO VOYAGERS (Select Merchandising); CLUE II, MURDER IN DISGUISE (P.); VCR QUARTERBACK (VCR Enterprises); THE THREE STOOGES: THE VCR GAME (Pressman). Pc. on STATIONERY SHOW. Announcement that May edition will have "Board Games, Part II." Pc. on "Decipher" w. BRAIN GAME, THE NEXT WORD, NUMBER QUEST, NO DICE, INKBLOTZ - THE GAME. Pc. on GOTCHA - THE SURVIVAL GAME (LJN). Pc. on "The Games Gang" w. PICTIONARY, WINNING WORDS, SUDZ, JAGGER, THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE, FAST FAX, YOUR MONEY, SHOGI, TRICKY FINGERS. Pc. on "Atari releases advanced video game system" w. FLIGHT SIMULATOR; KARATEKA, CHOPLIFTER (Broderbund); SUMMER GAMES, WINTER GAMES, IMPOSSIBLE MISSION (Epyx); SLY FOX, ONE-ON-ONE BASKETBALL, TOUCHDOWN FOOTBALL (Electronic Arts). Pc. on "Tevele Pty, Ltd." w. SPORTZDICE, TRAVEL BUG, THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN HORSE RACING GAME. "Endpaper" on "Educational Games" - w. MADE FOR TRADE (Aristoplay Ltd.) &

(cont. on 3/19)

Last Quarter
Third Sunday in Lent
Emancipation Day (P.R.)
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Sunday 22
March 1987

Tried to call Mel Bush & Mike Gray - but no answer.

From NEWS clipped article on Bob Fuhrer & Mark Setteducati - w. their picture; mention of their OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS, CATCHWORD, SNEAKY PETE, & GAME OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP; also mention of MONOPOLY & TRIVIAL PURSUIT. Column on WORLD GAMES & WINTER GAMES by "Epyx."

Prepared sheets on "payments from Bill Riva & withholding of his share.

To Felicia's w. BB, Bill Riva and Doris there. → Went over finances w. Bill. (See envelope marked 3/22/87 + other dates) He rcd. a BAZAAR guaranteed min. check for $5,000 & one for DM 2213.89. Told him that we owed him more than this for DOMINATION royalties we didn't send him. We agreed on each giving 15% of our BAZAAR royalties in Europe to Felicia. He asked me to send him the "Discovery Toys" BAZAAR rules; he'll try to place it in England & Japan. He tried FOREIGN INTRIGUE: "Tsukuda" of Japan - no answer; "Schmidt Spiel" - No; "MB" U.S. - No; "Ravensburger" - NO; "Parker" U.S. - No; "Habourdain" - No. TAKE-A-WORD: will show to "Mattel" & possibly others in the U.S. DOMINO BEAD GAME: he doesn't understand. ODD & EVEN: he had a beautiful model; told him abt. it possibly being in SPIELBOX - no problem. NEAT FIT: He has a beautiful model & he'll try; if I have someone else ("Discovery Toys" possibly) he'll send it to me. I brought up the matter of a contract for those things he is working on; he said that if I place anything, just let him know (not sure that this was today). He gave me another model of BLACK AND WHITE CUBES GAME (see '86); he wants me to work out something like ABOVE & BEYOND; in box are sheets in Italian marked BILL'S GAME and a lot of polaroid pictures of the pcs. Gave me polaroid of SNAKE FIT and wrote following notes: Each player has 1 rock; can play on other's path; "MB" gal liked. Polaroid of MOBIUS: note - magnetic pcs. Polaroid of NEAT FIT. Repro of USA TODAY article on THE FAMILY TIES GAME (Apple Street); TV SCRABBLE (S&R); THERAPY (Pressman); LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS (pressman). Page from ELLE Mag. (I believe): ENTRE-DEUX-VERRES; SEXY FOLLIES (Habourd.); MONOPOLY (P.), HOTEL (MB); AMBITION (Schmidt); EXCELLENCE (MB); MURDER PARTY (Schmidt); LE CAROMS (Arina); TITANIC (Schmidt); QUESTION DE SCRUPLES (MB). Sheets from SPIELZEUGMARKT Mag. w. ZAUBERWÜRFEL/RAUMDOMINO (Peter Pallat); SCALINO (Peter Pallat); MAC MAHONS WÜRFEL (Abra-Spiele). (Bill had a sticker w. "Ask" on this).
→ Maria came in and Felicia had food sent up for all of us.

Message on machine from Claude - Jürgen Hagedorn, etc.

23 Monday

March 1987

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Letter from Warren Holland• abt. getting together when he comes to N.Y.C. for STATIONERY SHOW•.

Flyer from "3W" that they bought #S&T.• from "TSR"- and that my subscription has lasped.

From John Farewell• rcd. "Consignment Collection Inventory" w. listing of non-war GAME•s from the collection. Letter from John w. copies of S&T.• he'd like to trade for. Started checking against the following: My S&T• columns; The SX3 card file; Diaries for '63, '64, '65, '66.

Rcd. 1099 from "West End Games" - for $1,000.00.

Message from Ray Soucie• and I called him in the evening. We'll each write separately to Jürgen Hagadorn;

Called Claude•. He asked for a box of chips next time we get together. He wants to play his MACHIAVELLI•.

Ken Viskocil• called. He liked my reviews in S&I•. He has printed a booklet - CHESS SPORTS•. He'll send me a copy. (Ken Viskocil• 120 Franklin Ct. (#2) Glendale, CA 91205 (818)-242-4302)

Call from Laurie Curran•. CAN'T STOP• will not be done for '88; slight possibility of being done for '89. Said "so-long" to each other.

Called Mel Bush• again, but still didn't get him.

Call from Phil Laurence• w. info on where to buy "HP-15C" at good price.

Tuesday 24
March 1987

Covenant Day (N.M.I.)

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Rcd. "RPS" package w. 6 BAZAAR.

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#87, March). Ad for BLOOD BOWL. Article on WARHAMMER FANTASY ROLEPLAY. Ad for THE ENEMY WITHIN - a WFRP campaign. New mat'l. for CALL OF CTHULHU. NIGHT OF BLOOD - a WFRP adventure. A MERP* adventure. Ad by "Rampage Games" for ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE! PBM game. A PARANOIA adventure. Ads for IMPERIAL EARTH & FIRELAND ([redacted] K Society, Inc.) - RPG's. Ad by "I.C.E." for SPACE MASTER "RPG." Ad for CHAINSAW WARRIOR (Games Workshop) - solo game. (*MIDDLE-EARTH ROLE PLAYING)

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Clipped ads for LOADS OF PUZZLES, PUZZLE TREASURY, MORE NUMBER PUZZLES, PLAY IT AGAIN: BOARD GAMES YOU CAN MAKE & PLAY, SHAKESPEARE GAMES; 2 board games - SHERIDAN'S RIDE & DEMO DERBY.

[redacted] Further checking of the John Farewell "Inventory."

Call to & from Mel Bush. (Don't remember details.)

25 Wednesday

March 1987

The Annunciation
(Lady Day)
Maryland Day
84/281

Rcd. tape of the program w. Bryan Mattimore last yr. Letter from Barbara O'Neill & a "certificate." When I tried it found it was wrong tape

Rcd. "UPS" package from "A.H." w.; TV WARS (2 of); QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE (2 of); THE GAME OF INVENTIONS; THE GAME OF DILEMMAS - dupl.

Called Warren Holland and he called me back. He'll contact me abt. setting up a date to come here during STATIONERY SHOW. I asked how NO DICE was doing & he said it doing better than he had expected. I asked when I'd be getting a copy - abt. a month; THE NEXT WORD - 2 wks. later; THE BRAIN GAME - abt. a month; INK BLOTZ - THE GAME - in 2 wks.

Called John Farewell and we agreed that it would be better for me to come there to choose the games I wanted. I'll bring a pile of S&T's I offered to bring some "S.P.I." games, but he said he doesn't have room for more games, I'll go there on 4/4. More checking on "Inventory."

BB got a "HP-15C" downtown ($69.00 + tax).

Called Michael Gray. Not in & spoke to his wife. She'll have him call me in evening. from work.

Thursday 26 March 1987

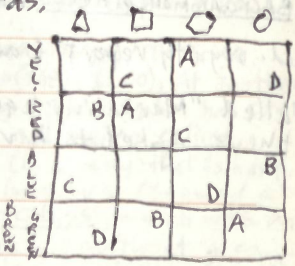
Kuhio Day (Hawaii)

85/280

Called Scott Marley. Asked, and they are not sure abt. special issues, etc. He rcd. ULTIMATUM (John Hansen) - a complicated RISK that looks good; it is by "Bates Games Inc." - 1051 Clinton St. - Buffalo, NY 14206. He has a copy of CHARADES PLUS for me - it is lousy. He rcd. a copy of DESPERADO. Also THE SYNDICATE and it looks good. He said hold call me in abt. 3 wks. to find out what I want to review.

Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (April '87 - Vol. 8 No. 4). Ruth Routberg has column on children's toys and one game.

Call from Rollie Tesh. The games for the "Band-Aid" box series are now BANANA BLITZ, ROYALTY RUMMY, ALL FOR ONE, BRIDGETTE (if they can reach agreement w. Joli Kausil), ~~[illegible]~~ TRIAD. For ALL FOR ONE they find 64 cards awkward for producing, and too many to play out. I suggested reducing one of the categories to 3 - so that $4 \times 4 \times 3 = 48$. He also spoke abt. using letters and placing cards by forming 3-letter words. Tried eliminating the ⬠s but this made the other shapes too attractive. Then eliminated the 12 cards shown in the illustration and this worked fine.



In talk w. Rollie he suggested allowing a player to choose between 3 cards. I found that a choice btw. 2 worked well, I also eliminated "second chance" and allowing looking at upcoming cards.

Call from Gary Singer. His lawyer wants me to sign a non-disclosure form. Told him that since I am doing him a favor I didn't want that kind of an arrangement. He said that he certainly didn't want me to work for free, that he intended to pay. We'll arrange for him to come here in a wk. or so.

Move checking on John Farewell "Inventory."

Call from Herb Levy. Sick, and our date postponed till next wk.

27 Friday
March 1987

86/279

Rcd. J&S #44. Reviews: CAPITAINE COSMOS (Rextan); LE SHERIF ET LE HORS-LA-LO (Gallimard); CHICAGO (FTG: dist. Hexagonal); ABILENE (Hexagames); ARBOR (Franckh Kosmos); VOUS ETES LE MAITRE DU DRAGON (Gallimard); CROSSADO (Hexagames). Article by François Pingaud on TENNIS-CARTES, FOOTCHESS, & CYCLO-GAMMON; ROBOT MUTIN - a solitaire adventure. LE SALON DU ROBOT a MEGA adventure (I believe). Complete game - URBA, LA DERNIERE CITE; Article on BLUE WAR II (Free Game Blot); on MEURTRES EN SERIE (Cobrasoft). "Jeux Pour Micros": FER & FLAMME (Ubi Soft); SENTINEL (Ubi Soft); DANDY (Electric Dreams); LES PASSAGERS DU VENT (Infrogrames); ALIENS (Electric Dreams/Activision); MAJOR MOTION (France Image Logiciel); TRIVIAL PURSUIT (Domark/Horn Abbot/Ubi soft); STRYFE (Ere Informatique); SCOTT WINDER REPORTER (Ere Informatique); 1001 BC: A MEDITERRANEAN ODYSSEY (Ere Informatique); HAWAII (Excalibur); ETHNOS (Chip); LES TEMPLIERS D'ORVEN (Loriciels); SHANGHAI (Activision); FAIAL, CHEVALIER DU LEVANT (Excalibur); EXPLORER (Micropool); SMART COOKIE (Minipuce). Program in Basic for ARRAKIS. Ad by "J&S" for JEST. Regular columns on CHESS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BRIDGE, GO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO. Ad for ARMADA (no co. given).

Rcd. royalty report from "Augendubel" for SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE - DM 193.72.

Called "Marketing Equities"; Neither Ted Hames nor Marty Kornblum there. Asked to have one of them call me.

Saturday 28
March 1987

87/278

Envelope from David Smith. Copy of his book WINNING TRAX. Rules for SPANGLES, replacing the rules for the set I rcd. on 2/18/83 - placed these there. In letter mentions BABUSCHKA (Ravensburger), BINGO CHESS, CHEI BEI GAME; TRAX being done by "U.S. Playing Card", Sally Leversee - his agent, Tom Braunlich; TRAX in GAMES 100; DOMINATION, PENTE, OTHELLO. Sent list of games in his collection and offered me any I didn't have (didn't have time to check thru them).

From Ken Viskocil rcd. 2 copies of his CHESS SPORTS booklet - containing CHESS FOOTBALL, CHESS BASKETBALL & CHESS HOCKEY. Letter to me. Repro of '84 letter from Wayne Schmittberger to him.

To "Christ Church" in Pelham. Bought the following items - in box w. same clothes for $2.00: WORD YAHTZEE (MB) - dupl.; BLACK BOX (P.) - Dupl.; HEADS UP! (MB) - Timer Missing; DECIPHER (Decipher, Inc.) - Completeness not checked; Bag of Solid-colored marbles.

To visit the Corn's. Gave Ronnie BAZAAR (Discovery Toys). To some church sales. At one bought CHARLIE'S ANGELS (MB) ($2.00). At another bought SPACE: 1999 (MB) (Part of $2.00 bag) - For "Ages 8 to 12", but has some interesting pts. Ronnie showed me a computer solitaire called SHANGHAI (Activision) - a MAH JONG set is piled (in a way that is hard to see) and the object is to take off the tiles in pairs (seemed a bore, altho Ronnie liked it. He showed me LASER CHESS, which was on a disc in COMPUTE! Mag. - April '87. It is playable without a computer & he'll get me repros of the rules. We played a ~~little of~~ game of HOSTAGE (Tabby Toys, Inc.); the interesting thing is the positioning of the "men"; he'll get me repros. Actually our game was over very quickly - he said that previous plays were very long. Showed him ALL FOR ONE and he said he liked it. 4 of us played TAKEOVER and it didn't work out as well as my 3-hand games have been. Ronnie said that Jumbo's version of INCOGNITO (SPONSER) looked beautiful, but the rules were changed. Ronnie ran off a computer printout of his game WORD ROUND UP for me. Set next date on 5/2.

(Later found copy of THE JEEP BOARD (Geo. S. Carrington Co.) w. this date. Don't remember where I got it or the cost. Some pegs missing.)

29 Sunday

March 1987

New Moon
Fourth Sunday in Lent
(Laetare)
88/277

Called Michael Gray and spoke to his wife (Andrea). He is at a gaming weekend in Boston. She'll remind him again to call me from work.

W. BB to Mel Bush (& met his wife Madelaine). Anne & Bob Abbott there. They rented lakeside house in Hopatcong for the summer, and invited us to visit. Went over mat'l. w. Mel; left a lot of forms, etc.; have to get some more info & call him.

To Dale's. She told me that Phil had a lot of SET's - I asked, and except for a few dupl's. he has just one of each.

Monday 30

Seward's Day (Alaska)

89/276

March 1987

Call fran Michael Gray. I asked, and he'll check w. Mike Meyers abt. DOMINATION. As for the "1099", the one to talk to is Joe Mahoney - ext. 2748 @ "Hasbro"; he'll have Mahoney call me. Asked abt. HIGH SPIRITS etc.; at most they will probably only take one game; and they don't want something where you have to think - just a bit of action. 2nd call. (Actually gave me Mahoney's no. now). Meyers promised an answer on DOMINATION in a few days. Spoke abt. his coming w. wife & kid to Bronx zoo and then to visit here; he'll bring me FORTRESS AMERICA & I'll give him BAZAAR. Spoke abt. my collection & he'd love to have it if another home is not found.

Call from Michael Rouette @ "Hasbro" ((401-727-5000 Ext. 3582)). They didn't send a "1099." I told him I rcd. checks for $700.67, $92.35, & $281.24 - for a total of $1074.26. He has record of a check for $352.57 dated 10/21. He'll check if it was returned signed and will call me. Gave him my business no.

In talk w. Michael Gray he said that he spent the weekend in Boston in a role-playing event - he was president in post-atomic war U.S.A.

Call from Curtis Slepian. He opened a letter addressed to Minda Zetlin. Because of the "Guru" article he'd like to get in touch w. me for a mutually profitable venture. His name is I can call him collect. I asked Curtis to send me the letter.

Robert H. Grabhorn
Biodot International
P.O. Box 29099
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317)-637-5776

Called Robert Grabhorn. They sell small thermometers that hospitals use for measuring stress. As a natural development (?) they came up w. a game called COGNITIVITY, which teaches creativity. They have been selling copies to cos. like "AT&T." However they'd like me to make it more "fun." He'll fly into N.Y. and will get together at my convenience. Will call abt. the details. Call from Grabhorn's sect. Arranged that he'll come here for lunch on Thurs. Will call from hotel Weds. evening for directions.

Wrote note to Barbara O'Neill abt. wrong tape - Bryan Mattimore show. Packaged note & tape in "Jiffy bag" but didn't get chance to mail it. (CBB mailed it a few days later.)

Call from Gary Sherbell. A retailer complained abt. the corners of the box for SUE FOR A MILLION breaking. Told him busy now (w. water pipe work) but to call me towards end of wk.

Did some more checking of games on John Farewell's list.

Called Curtis Slepian (probably not today) to tell him that of course I don't expect him to send me Minda Zetlin's letter - just a repro.

31 Tuesday

March 1987

Transfer Day (V.I.)

90/275

Card from Warren Buell in China. "Buried army last week; Yangtze cruise this week. The Chinese on board play some GO and CHINESE CHESS in the game room. Can't remember many of the characters I learned 50 years ago. Hope you've managed to settle down from the high of the great article in GAMES. All the best." (Discarded.)

Letter from Kenneth W. Adami, w. 2 sets of new rules for CORPORATE PURSUIT.

Letter from Mike Green abt. his PUZZLETTS-POCKET PUZZLES. Also sheet on UNCLES PUZZLES by Corky Storer. Letter addressed to "Dear Friends" - my name from "Puzzle World Who where" - picked up at Jerry Slocum's puzzle party. (Filed in '87 Misc.)

Checked diary and found that I did get the check for $352.57 last yr. for DOMINATION. Called Michael Rouette @ "Hasbro" & told him. We agreed on $1,426.83 as the am't. for the "1099."

Called Michael J. Rehns of "Marlon Creations" (see 2/10) to ask for review copies of FLUTTER. In meeting & I'll call tomorrow morning.

Call from Will Shortz. He got some more copies of GAMES DIGEST, but none that I didn't have. He is still very interested in getting my copies of PERGIOCO. I asked abt. my dupl's. of J&S but he is not particularly interested in them.

Call from Rollie Tesh. Told him abt. my ideas of 3/26 for ALL FOR ONE. He was pleased that he added something - the choice btw. 2 cards. Told him I tried the making of 3-letter words and it was a bore.

(cont. from 4/3) [4/3]

Also repros of rules for HOKIE GOLF (Newdale Development). From the games I took to look @ on 3/6 I asked if I could take CHALLENGE THE I.R.S., SLOTS & SPOTS, & SAM'S HOOLIGAN; yes, and he threw in CAMMY. (Returned MACAU-THE NAME OF THE GAME, GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS, WABC-TV'S MEDIA CAREERS, & INTERNATIONAL RUMMY.) Looking thru some of the boxes in basement and came across book I got from Martin Gardner on 12/10/80 - dupl. of 90 YEARS OF FUN; gave it to Herb. He noticed INBESTIGATION, looked at it, and wasn't interested. He mentioned that his brother picked up a copy of ZED (smart-it); I have 2 of them. He noticed the pile of dupl. "A.H." games; he'd be interested in trading for things like DISPATCHER, etc. He got copy of "P WHO" without the rules - I'll get repros for him. He mentioned that he particularly likes political games - he'd be interested in my dupl. of PLAYING POLITICS book. A friend of his bought CHEKIT because of my re view, and liked it. He got a call from Monte Young abt. POWER (but I can't remember details). The 4 of played MEGA-RAIDER - pretty sure we didn't finish. Once a player fell behind there was no way to get back, since he was most vulnerable to attack. Set next date for 4/24.

Wednesday 1

April Fools' Day

91/274

April 1987

alled Mel Bush & Madelaine gave me # in NYC to call him. Called & gave him info on car sales tax, social security, & "Hasbro" 1099.

Called Michael J. Rehns abt. review copies of FLUTTER (Spears). Send him GAMES letter and he'll send them. A shipment is due next wk.

Call from Bill Riva w. same questions abt. BAZAAR - my rules don't agree w. the "Schmidt Spiel" equip't. Told him rules were for the original "3M" equip't. He said he'll make a model to agree. Reminded him that "Discovery Toys" is doing it in U.S. & Canada. He is interested in Japan, Asked, and he had no further news.

Call from Felicia. Someone in Canada sent her brochure & letter on a game called SNAP JUDGEMENT (Snap Judgement Games). It is about court cases - real & rediculous. Told her that it has been done, and that I am pretty sure there was a TV game show w. that name - she knows. She'll send me the info and suggested that I write for a copy, mentioning her. If I think it is great she may try to do something w. it. She had a long talk w. Laurie Curran; her first client is "Mad Magazine"; she'll sent Felicia - and probably me - a brochure. Felicia has some models that inventors never asked to be returned; I'll take them off her hands some day. I suggested that she contact Jeff Conrad abt. REACH & SHAPE & SHATTER; she was thinking abt. doing it.

Rcd. STRIKE! PRICE (Ticker Tape, Inc.). Letter fr. Michael Ryall - pres.

Rcd. "Jumbo International" '87 catalog, w. note: "Dear Sid, As promised hereby our catalogue. The games we discussed in New York will be forwarded separately. Best regards, Aad Obbens" (Dated 3/26/87)"

In catalog: PANIC, CAT AND MOUSE, SPONSOR, OSTRICH, TOP SECRET, LUDO, SPACE GO, JUMBO JET, ORIENT EXPRESS, CLAIM, TANGRAM, CODE 777, SCRIPT-O-GRAM, STRATEGO, BACKGAMMON, GO, POKER (w. cards & dice),

2 Thursday

April 1987

Pascua Florida Day (Fla.)

92/273

Call from Felicia. She still can't get Tom Shaw to send her the proper "A.H." check.

Rcd. royalty report from "Prentice-Hall" for PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD Still $1,083 in the hole.

Visit from Bob Grabhorn, bringing me 2 copies of his COGNITIVITY. Brought BB a nice present. Went quickly thru my collection - then had main meal. Spoke abt. COGNITIVITY and it's main function to promote creativity. One group came up w. the idea of "square balloons" - so that advertising messages are much clearer; they are manufacturing the product. Cos. like the game, but some of the players say it isn't fun. I looked at it quickly and saw that there was no competition. Told Bob that that was what was needed. He asked, and I said my fee was $50 an hour. He said he'd send me check for 20 hrs., even if I don't do anything. I can change the game as much as I want. He also insists that I get royalties. He mentioned that Roger Wilson would be a rep for him; I told him of my experience w. Wilson last yr at STATIONERY SHOW; but Bob didn't seem concerned. Gave Bob a copy of AGOG, w. message to him (and at his request to his son John) - something abt. meeting him being the best thing from the "Guru" article. Incidentally, he noticed Chicago mentioned in the article and hired a private detective to try & locate me there!

Call from John Farewell while Bob was here & I called him back. He invited BB and me for supper Sat. BB said "thanks - but no."
Call from Gary Singer while Bob was here & I called him back. Arranged that he'll come here 4/7 abt. 2 P.M. to show me PHENOMALOGY.

Call from Mike Meyers. He is sure that DOMINATION can be returned to me shortly. He'll let me know as soon as it is definite. He thinks that this kind of game shouldn't be oversold the first yr. - many of the buyers being wrong for the game. Better it should be started small & built up yr. after yr. He is trying to orginize a separate co. there to handle games that way. He said he would like to arrange to come here to see my collection, & to talk abt. "product."

Call from Rollie Tesh. He thought that in ALL FOR ONE it would be interesting to give a bonus for completing 2 or more rows at the same time. We discussed it and came up w. a "free" placement of a card for each extra row. He'll call tomorrow for the results. Tried it by myself and w. BB. It complicated things without adding anything to the play.

Call from Claude. He has a card set w. 4 games for me. (Later learned it was BABELATION.) Next time we get together he wants to play his BORGIA - which is something like KNIFE YOUR BUDDY. He has an idea for a memory GAME where number tiles are turned up, w. object of turning 2 that add up to "10" or 3 that add up to "16." He wants me to bring a box of chips & the "Guru" article.

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Sent "Reader's Card" from March PLAYTHINGS (see 3/21): "University Games" - TWENTY QUESTIONS & MURDER MYSTERY PARTY; "GiO Games" - PERSONALITY PROBE & SEXUALITY PROBE; "Gorski & White" - STAR-STRUCK; "Marzip, Inc." - RESPONSE; "CBE Corp." - TRAVEL BUFF; "Tevele Pty. Ltd." - THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN HORSE RACING GAME, SPORTZDICE, TRAVEL BUG.

From "P." rcd. BUMPER CARS! (Later confirmed that this is the same as FRIBBLE! by Warren, which I rcd. ~~on~~ on 3/4/83.)

Letter from Bob Smith: GAMES Mag.; G&P; UNDER COVER, CHASE, POWER, CAT'S MANSION, Eamon Bloomfield; Derek Carver, SHOWBIZ, WARRIOR KNIGHTS, 1829, CIVILIZATION, NUKE, RISK; PAGODA, ADVICE; THE GODFATHER GAME, SQUARE MILE, AIRLINE (Gamma 2 Games), HOLIDAY, MONTAGE, MOVIE MOGULS, REALM, SUMMIT, BAZAAR, ELECTION X, INFINITY, FORTRESS AMERICA, C&O/B&O (A.H.), DEALER'S CHOICE (P.); CONQUEST OF THE EMPIRE; David Pritchard; CLUE, MONOPOLY; GO, KOREAN CHESS, CHINESE CHESS, SHOGI, 1829, RAILWAY RIVALS, LORDS & WIZARDS, WARRIOR KNIGHTS, DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, ACQUIRE, BAZAAR, LAND GRAB, DISCRETION, CRUDE, CONQUEST/Donald Benge, CATHEDRAL, PAGODA, MARRAKESH/Joli Kaus!!, EPAMINONDAS, AXIS & ALLIES, ADVICE, BROKER, HARE AND TORTOISE; CARTEL/DALLAS: THE GAME OF EMPIRE BUILDING STRATEGY, SIGMA FILE, NUKE, JUNTA, SHANGHAI TRADER (P), WARLORDS (P.), COSMIC ENCOUNTER, DRAGON PASS, SUSPICION, BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE, 4,000 A.D., FORTUNE 500, HAVANNAH, SMUGGLE/CONTRABAND, CUL DE SAC, CONQUEST OF THE EMPIRE, BORDERLANDS, CONQUISTADOR, EMPIRE BUILDER, UNDER COVER, DOMINO BEAD GAME, CHALLENGE CARD GAME, SHING SHANG, SPEED CIRCUIT, CARROM, SLEUTH, FORMULA 1, FOCUS, LASKA, SIROCCO, POWER, TWIXT, CLAIM, SUPREMACY, 221B BAKER ST., PENTE, PLOY, SUBBUTEO, SUMMIT, RISK; MONAD, CALYPSO, OMNIBUS HEARTS, BRIDGETTE, SLAM; THE GAME OF LIFE; KIMBO, BANTU; STAR, POLY Y, GUERILLA/David Wells, PASSAGE/GEP; ALASKA/Eric Salomen, HEIMLICH & CO.; His games - LAND OF THE PHARAOHS, JIGSAW, SNOOKER MARBLES, CRIME SYNDICATE, MARATHON MAN; David Wells, Graeme Levin, Brian Mitchell, David Pritchard, me.

Call from Rollie Tesh. Told him I didn't care for ~~last night's~~ yesterday's idea. He is supposed to show ALL FOR ONE early next wk.

Call from Kenneth W. Adami to ask if I rcd. the new rules for CORPORATE PURSUIT - yes, and they look good. But haven't had a chance to play yet.

Call from Paul Fuccillo of "Ronin Enterprises." Apologized for not having had a chance to play THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR and KUMITE yet. Told him to call me on a wk. from Monday, and I will by then.

Marylin & Ricki here for a short visit. BB told me it was Loren's birthday. Gave Ricki copy of the new BAZAAR as present for her.

Visit from Lynn & Herb Levy. He brought me repros of rules for QUADS (Quads Inc.) (actually I rcd. the game on 3/19); (cont. on 3/31)

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Call from Bill Riva asking abt. rules for FOREIGN INTRIGUE - what if a player lies by secretly passing a card for a city he is allowed to visit? - You are not allowed to lie. I brought up that I had cancelled our contract, and that I'd like to know just which GAMES of mine he was trying to sell. He said that if I place anything myself that is O.K. with him.

Got together a batch of S&T.'s to bring to John Farewell's. Drove there (in heavy rain). Working from the "inventory" rcd. on 3/23 looked at a lot of games and took the following batch: SPORTS ILLUSTRATED BASEBALL GAME (Time Inc.); SPORTS ILLUSTRATED HANDICAP GOLF GAME (Time Inc.); TRACKGAMMON (Lazy Days); QUEEN BEE (Condor) - catalog sheet w. TAKE THREE, NON-STOP, HOPALONG LUDO, OVERLORD, TAKE MY WORD, GREAT GAME OF BRITAIN, AMBUSH, LONDON GAME, ARMADA, GOLDRUSH, THE SIGMA FILE; TRICK X 5 (Parkerspiele) - German only - catalog sheet w. SUPERHIRN, SERENGETI, AVALANCHE, DER SINN, WATERLOO, KARRIERE, CLUEDO, DAS SPIEL DER NATIONEN; AUSGETRICKST (Parkerspiele) - German only; UNI-SPEC (The Idea Exchange Corp.); SOLO (F.X. Schmid/Piatnik) - German only; CHINESE CHESS w. BURMESE CHESS (Paul Bailey); SLY (Amway) - Dupl.; ORBITAL CHESS (SDM Inc.); SPACE CHECKERS (Pleasantime); TOURNAMENT GOLF (Rigely Banada Corp.); HOPPIT! (Waddingtons); HIGH-GAMMON (FX SCHMID) - only 8 instead of 9 of each color - German only; DIMENSIONS (Pacific Game Co.); SPACE CHESS (Pacific Game Co.) ~~[illegible]~~; DOVER PATROL (HP Gibson & Sons); L'ATTAQUE (HP Gibson & Sons); COPPIT (Spear's); TRESPASS (Palitoy); HOPALONG LUDO (Condor); HUEMANIA TIC-TAC-TOE (N. Strand) - Dupl. - (the wood has to be glued); MAXO-MINO (Heyne); FALLE (Heyne); BÖRSE (Heyne); COMBINATO (Heyne); DEUTSCHE SPIELE-SAMMLUNG (Heyne); CONTACTIC (Heyne); TRI-GAMMON; SPECTRUM; HOPS (Heyne); CRISTALLO (Heyne); DAS ÄRGERSPIEL (Heyne); ATTACKE (Heyne); ABACA (Teaching Aids); ROOTS (Heritage Products Ltd.); Set of wooden BACKGAMMON PCS.; MALSTROM (Pilote); ZETA (Mini-Games Inc.); MINIGAMES (Robert Mansfield Co.) - AREAS, BLOCKADES, CAT AND MOUSE, HUNT DOWN, KAMIKAZE, MEAN QUADRICS/DEAD END, MEAN ROOKS/KILLER KNIGHTS, REBOUND, TERRITORY/SUDDEN DEATH, TRIONICS/MEAN TRIADS - have repros of these; "Solitaire Wargames" (Robert Mansfield Co.) - VIVA ZAPATA, EL SALVADOR - map & rules for each (rules to be returned); ~~[illegible] also gave me a ziplock bag of game rules: ZONAL CHESS (Check Mate Game Corp.); [illegible]~~ COLORAMA (Ravensburger) - (Ages 3 to 5, but some nice equip't.); LOGICA (J.F. Gregory); DABLOT PREJJESNE & TABLUT (Paul and Teresa Bailey); THE HOME STRETCH (Hasbro); 3:2... SIEG! (Pelikan); SALDIX (Spear-Spiel); JANUS (Spear-Spiel); INTERNATIONAL TENNIS (Paul J. Burchett); CHEQUERO (CO-5 Co.) - dupl. → John also gave me a ziplock bag of game rules: ZONAL CHESS (Check Mate Game Corp.); STOCK-POKER (Donald I. Gebhart); CHECK-O (Saalfield); HALMA/QUICK HALMA/HALMA SOLO/GOBANG/TIPPY/CATS AND MICE (Ravensburger); ADI, FRENCH SOLITAIRE, FOX AND GEESE, DAKON, DUTCH TACTICS or SIEGE, SHISIMA (World Wide Games, Inc.); XENOPHON (Heyne); QUARO (Ravensburger) - by "L.W. Bones" - Alex Randolph; COLOMINO (Ravensberger); CON-TAC-TIX - by Piet Hein (for P.); GUNG-HO (?); LEGRAND (F.X. Schmid); CHESS IN THE ROUND (Saxon Agencies Ltd.); CARAMBA (F.X. Schmid); OIL TYCOON (Vantage Point, Inc.); CHEZ (Donald L. Gebhart); PACIFIC (Wild Hawthorn Press); STRATO TAC-TICS & STRATO CHECKERS (Strato-Various Products Inc.); TRI-DOMINOS (Activitoys); HEXTERMINATION (Thomas Galloway); WAYLAND MADNESS (Thomas Galloway); DERCH-ACH (Thomas Galloway);

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In NEWS• clipped "The Family Computer" w. EARL WEAVER BASEBALL• (Electronic Arts) & APBA MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS BASEBALL• (Random House).

Looked at THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR• (Ronin Enterprises, Inc.) - found gaps in the rules, etc. Also looked @ KUMITE• - too simple.

Called Mel Bush• at home. Madelaine gave me his office # (in file). Called, and he'll send me repros of the info I gave him. I'll check it, & call him in any case. He'll have forms ready to pick up on 4/12.

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HEXHALMA• (John Jaques & Son Ltd.) - by W. Gliuski; ORGANIC MAH-JONGG• & XTAL-LINE• (from JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION); 3-DIMENSIONAL SPACE CHESS• (Dimensional Enterprises, Inc.); ZODIAC STAR CHESS• (Obelisk Enterprises); PYRAMID CHESS• (Ruffin Enterprises); OVERLORD• (Condor); SQUARES• (by Brett A. Tondreau & Richard L. Richards); CUBE ROUTE• (Vantage Point); LEVELER CHESS• (Mark Schynert & Christopher Cagan). He also gave me abt. 600 small wooden "buttons" & a box of plastic triangles. → For all of these John picked out the following copies of S&T•: 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32 (3 of), 33, 35 (2 of), 38, 39 (2 of), 47, 48, 49. Spoke abt. getting together but didn't set a definite date. His wife Judy likes card games, particularly BRIDGE• The collection of games belonged to S.K. Howard• who died (I once corresponded w. Howard). They were left to Joseph Cormier•, the inventor of [redacted] TRAFALGER• (incidentally, only 75 of these were made). Farewell has some kind of a disagreement w. Cormier abt. what to do w. the war games. Many of the games (war or non-war?) will be sent to a collector in Germany. (Note: the completeness of the games I took were pretty well checked, but I'm not sure that all of the dupls. were found.)

Visit from the Laurences. No games. Phil showed me a little of what my new "Hewlett-Packard" calculator can do.

While @ John Farewell's he mentioned that he has the equip't. for MR. REE•, and would love the board. John had a copy of ACQUIRE• and had me write a message over the front picture for him.

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Franz said that someone he knows who rents videos might be interested in my doing a VCR GAME• for him. BB said to forget it - I am much too busy. (Probably this was yesterday.)

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Rcd. envelope from Dave Greenwald in Australia; Copy of DROVER'S DILEMMA (Candle Distribution Co.) (pretty sure some cards are missing); Note - "Got you this out here in Western Australia, though I believe it's made in Victoria. Remind you of any other game (s)?" - MILLE BORNES & TOURING
From Felicia rcd. the SNAP JUDGMENT (Snap Judgment Games Inc.) ad sheet. (I rcd. SNAP JUDGEMENT from "Ideal" in '73 - diff. of course.)

Call from Chris Campbell. He wants to get together to discuss some projects that might be of interest to me. I asked, and he'd like to see my collection, but when he has more time. I'll see him at "P." showroom on 4/8 @ 10:30 A.M. He is trying to set up a game museum in Salem. Felicia is on his list of people to see. He suggested having her at our meeting, but when he heard abt. her hip, we agreed to inform her when something happens. One thing he said was that he'd like my ideas for the direction "P." should move in.

Call from Debbie Goldstein (212-777-2472) & Vicki Goessfeld. They mentioned someone from whom they got my number, which I finally determined was "Audrey Sackson's" son. They have a GAME that they will be showing to "Coleco" from a connection there. Their lawyer wants them to get a patent & not to sign anything that he doesn't see. Told them to forget it, etc. I mentioned Felicia and they spoke to her abt. a yr. ago, and she was interested.

Call from Gary Sherbell. Told him that one corner of the SUE FOR A MILLION box was weak; also that I'd try to get a review in GAMES. In the conversation SUE AND COUNTERSUE came up - which I rcd. in '82.

Looking at the John Farewell list and noticed the ? next to QUANTUM (Lazy Days). After a lot of looking, found it on the Bill Riva sheet. Also checked in diarys for MR. REE; got dupl's. on 11/18/79 & 9/24/77 - but my original box was discarded.

Rcd. mail package from "IIE Games Corp." with: Letter & card from Ms. Johanna Nichols; copy of THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME; NIGHT OF THE NINJA - role-playing booklet.

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another letter asking my permission to program it. He'll send me repros of the 2 letters.

Called Gary Singer w. an improvement on something I told him yesterday abt. PHENOMALOGY.

Called Rich Hanson - not there, nor Larry Waide. Spoke to Laurie Abel and she didn't know what Rich called me abt. But she'll have him call me

BB got call from Joseph Trantz (now that the TV antenna is fixed).

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DA got early quick call from Bill Riva - for our address (?).

Rcd. "GDW" '87 catalog: ASSAULT, BOOTS & SADDLES, BUNDESWEHR; "Double-Blind System" - THE NORMANDY CAMPAIGN, OPERATION MARKET-GARDEN; EUROPA series, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, MARITA-MERKUR, NARVIK, FIRE IN THE EAST, TORCH, THE NEAR EAST, FALL OF FRANCE, CASE WHITE, WESTERN DESERT; THEIR FINEST HOUR, SCORCHED EARTH; TRAVELLER series w. many modules; THE THIRD WORLD WAR series, SOUTHERN FRONT, ARCTIC FRONT, PERSIAN GULF; "Miniature Rules" - COMMAND DECISION, HARPOON, JOHNNY REB, BASTOGNE; TWILIGHT: 2000 w. many modules; "Computer Games" - [redacted], THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA, ROMMEL; BATTLES FOR TOBRUK, ROAD TO MOSCOW; TRAVELLER: 2300; "Introductory Games" - A HOUSE DIVIDED, CAMPAIGN TRAIL, BLUE MAX, BATTLE FOR MOSCOW, AIR SUPERIORITY.

Letter from Earl Light (see 2/27) w. rough info on his game called ABC's OF STATES & CAPITALS. His address is { C. Fred Light, 4627 S. Lowell Bl, Denver, CO 80236, (303)-798-8394. Enclosed SSAE, and also said I could call him collect. Offered a hand-made set to look at,

Curtis Slepian

ram [redacted] rcd. repro of the letter from Robert Grabhorn & Minda Zetland.

Rcd. the repros of my tax info, from Mel Bush.

Since I was going downtown tomorrow, called Gary Singer (218 Thompson St. apt. #26 -- 677-0664)). I'll go there after noon tomorrow.

Letter to Michael J. Rehus requesting review copies of FLUTTER for Scott Marley & myself.

($3.33).

Called Kathy Jones, and spoke for abt. half an hour. She was sick at TOY FAIR time. Told her that someone might be interested in HAVEN; she'll send it back - she apologized that some of the white dots were off and I said it was happening all the time. Told her to hold on to TROMINO GO - which she now calls TRO-GO to avoid problems w. "Pressman" - and she hopes to do it sometime this yr. She also hopes to do MEM and WATCH - but I told her that the "Waxmans" are still doing it. She is disappointed that Chuck Titus of "Future Classics" has given up on KALIKO. In her catalog that I rcd. on 11/19/86 she mentioned a set of 108 HEPTOMINOES for $90; she is surprised that she is getting orders for it. If someone does do HAVEN she might be able to include it in the "Showcase" section of her next catalog. Also if I want to include some of my books that I have at least a dozen of, she needs the info by October.

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Ad sheet from "Eljo Games Co." for THE ENIGMA puzzle. (This was in "Kadon" mailing of 11/19/86)

To "P." for meeting w. Chris Campbell. There are plans for a "Game Museam" in a renovated armory in Salem. "P." will be involved, but it will be run by people from "Peabody" and/or "Essex" museums. There won't be room for a massive archive collection. Didn't discuss my contribution, but I may be contacted by a gal who is now in charge of the project - since he moved up. They are thinking of running a contest for young children to invent games but parents can help. Phil Orbanes thought that my name would be meaningful as the judge; he said that I'd get a lot of publicity out of it - which I said I wasn't particularly interested in. (I asked, and he said he heard abt. the "Guru" article but hadn't seen it. Promised to send him a repro.) We figured that it would take abt. 3 months of my time and there would be a lump sum payment. He asked if I had played their new CRACKERS IN MY BED or PIZZA PARTY - no, and I brought up the point that I haven't studied children's games; I might not recognize that a submittion is not original. We spoke abt. getting cooperating judge, & I said that Ruth Roethey might be good. I asked abt. CAN'T STOP and he said that they have been getting things that look more exciting - and that it needs a new look & a theme; they are looking for one but will listen to any ideas I might have. In connection w. his call of 4/6, I said that ADVANCE TO BOARDWALK & GO FOR IT were disappointing; that CASTLE RISK was great; and that INSTANT REPLAY looked very interesting. He was aware that BUMPER CARS was previously FRIBBLE! & they had to search down the inventor. As for ADVANCE TO BOARDWALK, it is the only game from the last few yrs. that looks like it will become a staple. I also said that BOGGLE BOWL equip't. wasn't attractive. In a few wks, he is to call me abt. coming to my collection, to look for product, and to discuss the abv. projects.

To "Seven Towns" to talk to Larry Mass; he said he was intending to call. Tom Kremer sent back CHEAT A LITTLE & FOUR ARMED BANDIT - and I took them. I also took back ANOTHER / LE VIZIR. I asked abt. TAKEOVER; he played it w. some people. Altho it wasn't terrible, he felt that it didn't have the excitement it should have. He'll get it back to me. when we both have the time he wants to visit again to look at "product."

To ~~Andover~~ "American Savings Bank" for "IRA" deposit. (BB went Friday.

To Gary Singer. (He sent down for Chinese food for the 2 of us. Signed the "non-disclosure agreement" his lawyer wants, showed me the board for his PHENOMALOGY. There (placed in '8) misc. fold is a "Tree of knowledge" and players get to the top by choosing the correct answer - btw. 3 given - for various phenomanoms. He mentioned various problems he had w. it & I gave him some possible solutions. He will probably put it out himself, and will send me a review copy. He insisted on giving me $75 for 3 hrs., altho I said that we only spent 2 hours on the game. He said he'd probably ask me for some more help.

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Called Mel Bush early, but he had already left. Left message that BB was 65 last Dec. - also that I "gave" $3000 to Dana. Asked for quick confirmation call. (Actually spoke to Madelaine.)

~~To "D" for meeting w. Chris Campbell. There are plans for a "Game Museum" in a renovated armory in Salem. "D" will be involved, but it will be run by people from "Peabody" and/or "Essex" museums, there won't be room for a massive collection.~~

thinking that a financial theme could be put onto CAN'T STOP.

Called Claude & Anne abt. our date Sat. Claude said he had a game for me & Anne said it was BABELATION (which I have a lot of).
BB called Felicia as follow-up to yesterday's calls by her.

From "UPS" rcd. the following: HAVEN - box a little beat, a few white spots off, but otherwise fine; MERCENARIES, SPIES & PRIVATE EYES (Sleuth Publications) - a RPG by Michael A. Stackpole - one die missing.

Upstairs found a "Priority Mail" package from Bill Riva w. the "Schmidt" BAZAAR parts in a homemade box - no rules. Note from Bill that he wants to rewrite rules to submit the game in Japan. Also repro of my letter to Jürgen Stöhr of 6/28/84. (why? - discarded.)

Rcd. the Bryan Mattimore tape back from Barbara O'Neill, w. note that it is at the beginning of the tape (I goofed!).
Rcd. letter from David Watts: RAILWAY RIVALS (Games Workshop), GAMES; DAMPFROSS 2, PIRATE ISLAND; ACQUIRE w. a rule change; DAS SPIEL - store, Ferdinand de Cassan - Austrian game collector; PIRATEN INSEL, RAIL (Alga), DAMPFROSS; Walter Luc Haas; ROSTHERNE GAMES REVIEW; GAMES DEVELOPMENT BOND, Eamon Bloomfield, PENINSULAR WAR, BIG STEEL, TANKER.
Rcd. letter from Bob Grabhorn, w. check for $1,000.00 - for COGNITIVITY. His son loved the book - AGOG.
Rcd. letter from Bob Smith: TAKE THE BRAIN, THE GODFATHER GAME, SMOG; MOVIE MAKER, Philip Orbanes, BOX OFFICE, BROADWAY, MOVIE MOGULS, REALM, BAZAAR, HOLIDAY, SUMMIT, SQUARE MILE, ~~AIRPLANE~~ AIRLINE, ELECTION X, FORTRESS AMERICA, INFINITY, CEO/BEO, DEALER'S CHOICE; ACQUIRE, BINGO; David Watts, MONOPOLY, LAND GRAB, ADVICE; AGOG, CROSSINGS, WATCH, KNIFE YOUR BUDDY, BIG FUNERAL; MARRAKESH, WORLD SOCCER, G&P; FOCUS; MUDCRACK Y AND POLY-Y; PAGODA, ADVICE, EPAMINONDAS; CAMELOT, INSIDE MOVES; CHASE; Donald Benge, CONQUEST, BRIDGE, CHESS, GO; FORTRESS AMERICA; GAMES, G&P, SLEUTH.

Call from someone who got my no. from Tom Morley. She thought I'd be interested in having her dtg my published games in Japan. Explained that I license my games to game cos.
~~Have You Filed Your Federal Income Tax Report For 1986 And Estimated Declaration For 1987?~~
Call from Wayne Schmittberger. They rcd. a letter & a disc from someone who programmed my SCORE UP; I can see it when I go there. Also

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Called Bill Riva to talk abt. BAZAAR. I suggested sending him repros of the "Discovery Toys" rules & he said "fine." I can keep the set he sent. 2nd call for his address ((993 Park Ave. - 10028 [illegible] Apt. 12E)) ((570-9232)).

Rcd. notice that $95.73 was deposited in "DollarsDryDock" account from "Hugendubel" check (see 3/27).

Rcd. mailing from "Schubel & Son" for 3 "PBM" games; WAR 1940, SIEGE AMERICA, & ALIEN CONFLICT.

BB got 3 sets of BAZAAR rules (65¢), Sent 2 of them to Bill Riva (39¢). (Cont. below)

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Message on machine to call Mel Bush. Did (but don't think I got him). Message from Rich Hanson to call him ASAP. Did, but he had left for day. His no. - ((415-680-8697)). Asked for him to call me tomorrow.

Call from James Smith abt. his new rules for KNEXT. Told him that they were in an order that people would feel is unusual. Also that it certainly couldn't be reviewed until the cards were corrected.

BB & I playing w. ALL FOR ONE, BB still prefers my original idea w. "2nd chance" - but I definitely like it better now.

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Called Mel Bush again abt. taxes.

Call from Rich Hanson. They are interested in my evaluating GAME's for them. I said that my charge was $25 an hour, but after discussing it I said that I'd limit the charge to $100. A review like what I do for GAMES mag. is abt. what they'd like. Taking 2 wks. from the time I get it is fine. The first one he is sending me is BAYARD, which I mentioned sounded familiar (later found ad for it on pg. 51 of Apr./May '87 GAMES). (Pretty sure) he said he'd call me abt. a wk. after he sends it.

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Called Mel Bush again abt. texps.

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA (#300 - Mar/Apr '87). Rules for SHOGI - by George R. Dekle. Phil Cohen: GRAND PIGS AND BULLS puzzle; Rules for NUMERATION - by François Pingaud - from J&S #37; Games of AVALANCHE CHESS, LINES OF ACTION, and DYNAMO CHESS; Mailing from "Ishi Press International w. SHOGI FOR BEGINNERS, GUIDE TO SHOGI OPENINGS, BETTER MOVES FOR BETTER SHOGI, & FIVE-IN-A-ROW (RENJU); Rules for RENJU - w. mention of GO-MOKU; 2 CHESS variants by Alister Macintyre - FAIRY CHESS, ~~THE MAHAJ~~ THE MAHARAJAN AND THE SEPOYS; Game of BALANCED MARSEILLAIS DYNAMO CHESS; Speculations on ONE-LIE SECRET WORD; From Steve Wilson his SECRET GHOST one of his LAP variants (??) - w. mentin of MASTERMIND/MASTERGHOST, PIGS AND BULLS/PIGS AND GHOSTS, CRASH/FATAL CRASH; Short descriptions of RACING KINGS, ARCHIMEDES, GRAND PIGS AND BULLS, LAP, O/R CHESS, CYLINDRICAL CHESS, & FOCUS/DOMINATION - w. mentions of SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN & "the incomparable compendium AGOG."

To Claude, bringing him a full box of small chips. He gave me a copy of BABELATION (Babelation, Inc.) - dupl., but a diff. box. At ~~the~~ "Knights of Columbus" flea market bought PINBALL WIZARDRY (10¢). At their house showed ALL FOR ONE to Anne. The 4 of us played NEXT - partnership - 9 games starting in each section. We used 3 each of 3 colors. I seemed to remember 4-3-2, but Claude pointed out that it is impossible to place 4 of the same color on the board. At one of the sales I saw TIME: THE GAME for $1.50 which I didn't buy; it was copyrighted '83 (at home found that I bought copy of TIME in '82).

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Passion (Palm) Sunday
Halifax Day (N.C.)
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Dropped off BB @ Dale's and then to Mel Bush to pick up tax forms. Spoke to him for a moment and to Madelaine for a longer time.
After lunch, w. Dale, Phil & the kids to "303 drive-in" flea market (using free admission coupon I found in Penny saver). Bought RSVP (S&R) (25¢). At "Toys 'R' Us" saw a puzzle from somewhere in the orient called MAGIC PUZZLER; thought it was the same as the one I bought on 5/26/84, but this one said there were 10 diff. colors on each ring - the object being to link each color - mine seems to have 9 colors and more than one of a color can appear on a ring. (Later asked Dale to get it for me if she gets the chance - she said it was at "Child's World.") At "Sav-a-Lot" saw FOOTBALL PLAYER'S FOOTBALL (Stephens Enterprises) - a board & std. playing cards but couldn't get ~~the details~~ any other info; THE ORIGINAL PREPPIE BOARD GAME (see '84 for co.); these were $3.99 each & didn't buy. Gave Brian the SORRY dupl. of 6/18/83 (I have another dupl. from 9/17/77 that has the later set of rules).

Full Moon
Monday in Holy Week
Thomas Jefferson born 1743
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Monday 13
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d. letter from Bill Riva• w. rules for NEAT FIT•-and a picture; 2 sets of rules for TAKE-A-WORD•. Both rules are too brief and w. many omissions!! Also pictures of TAKE-A-WORD• (2 of), FOREIGN INTRIGUE• & BAZAAR•(Schmidt)(why did he send it?).

etter from Wayne Schmittberger• w. repros of 2 letters he called abt. on 4/9. Repro of letter from Russell B. Wilson• to Jerry Calabrese•-abt. ~~selling~~ getting permission from Jerry or me for selling "Commodore" program to a mag. Letter from Frederick F. Burggraf• to Wayne, w. 'Apple" disc-no mention of me.

alled Mel Bush• w. question on "Keough". Asked to have him call me. Didn't and I got him in the evening.

ooking for copy of TIME• I bought in '82, but couldn't find it.

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Tuesday in Holy Week
Passover
Pan American Day
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From "Games Workshop" rcd. CHAINSAW WARRIOR - a solo board game. Also a folder w. some ad sheets & a catalog. In catalog: WARHAMMER FANTASY ROLE PLAY - w. supplements THE ENEMY WITHIN, SHADOWS OVER BÖGENHAFEN, & 5 "scenarios"; JUDGE DREDD - THE ROLEPLAYING GAME - w. supplements JUDGEMENT DAY & SLAUGHTER MARGIN; GOLDEN HEROES & 3 supplements; TALISMAN, TALISMAN EXPANSION SET, TALISMAN THE ADVENTURE; BLOOD BOWL; BLOOD ROYAL; CHAINSAW WARRIOR; WARRIOR KNIGHTS; THE WARLOCK OF FIRETOP MOUNTAIN; BATTLECARS, DOCTOR WHO; JUDGE DREDD (Board Game); ~~Books~~ ROGUE TROOPER; BLOCK MANIA; RAILWAY RIVALS; SUPERPOWER. ? → (See 2/11).

To "Dollar" & "Anchor" banks w. BB - for "Keonghs."

Looked for TIME of '82 again, w. no success. Found the I made repros of rules and some mat'l. of TIME, THE GAME on 1/13/84.

Call from Walter Luc Haas. (See o tomorrow) →

(Cont. below)

(Cont. from 4/15) [4/15]

Calls to & from Walter Luc Haas, but don't remember the proper sequence. Spoke abt. some of the items of last night. Walter said that ORGANISMS is difficult to play correctly at the beginning; I said that so is CHESS; he said that ORGANISMS will never be played as much, and of course he is correct. It & 2 others (which?) are planned for SPIELBOX. In the conversation he mentioned ODD & EVEN (actually I called him to tell him the variation which GAMES did n't use), FINANCIER, OIL STRIKE, & BREAKAWAY; I brought up THINK TWICE as being good. In OIL STRIKE he ~~said~~ mentioned that if the first well drilled is successful you can drill another; if that is successfull can you drill another, etc.; no. ($8.96 & $3.11).

Long call from Robin King - nothing particularly abt. games. (Probably this was yesterday, & Walter Luc Haas had hard time reaching me for 2nd call.)

(Cont. from above)

From "Games Workshop" also rcd. a catalogue ~~of~~ from England. As well as the items abv. there are the following: CALL OF CTHULHU; PARANOIA; RUNEQUEST FANTASY ROLEPLAYING ADVENTURE ~~BOOK~~ (Book); KINGS & THINGS; COSMIC ENCOUNTER. (Kept both.)

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Rcd. April PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following mat'l. Ad by "Warren" for DINOBONES BOARD GAME & other "Dinasaurs" items (sent Info Card). Ad by "Davis-Grabowski, Inc." for THE DICTIONARY GAME (Info Card). Pc. on I-QUBE (Amuse Inc.). Ad by "Nalpac Corp." for PHILMONT & SCUBA (Info Card). General articles on TOY FAIR, w. mentions of A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES & Charles Riedel of "G&R". Pc. on PERCEPTION (P.). Small ad for CUP CHALLENGE (from Australia).

all from Felicia for Chris Campbell's name. 2nd call for P's #. She still hasn't got a corrected check back from Tom Shaw, I asked, and when she spoke to Jeff Conrad he only seemed interested in "Sesame St."

Letter from "TSR" that #110 is their last issue of S&T - "3W" taking over w. #111 etc. (Discarded.)

(Cont. below)

Signed & mailed out tax forms.
(Calls below ~~were~~ yesterday.) [4/14]

Call from Walter Luc Haas. Reiner Müller of "ASS" is again very interested in doing my game - which I called A PIECE OF THE ACTION, but later we determined was what he knows as IT'S A DEAL. I said that "West End" would have to be involved, which is probably OK w. Müller. Walter had a question on FINANCIER, which he is translating for SPIELBOX - answered from my memory. He mentioned the ODD & EVEN "challenge" in GAMES of 10/82, and asked if it had ever been solved. In connection w. my 5 games in ~~[illegible]~~ THE 6 PACK OF PAPER & PENCIL GAMES, told him that Phil Orbanes had told me that I can do whatever I want w. them. Walter asked if that included SPY, which wasn't in GAMES - yes. In doing the various games in SPIELBOX he will give all the © dates to give a history of the game, mentioning BREAKAWAY as an example (why?). I asked, and both the new owner & the editor in chief are strange - Müller is trying to keep things going, but is busy w. "ASS." Walter is translating BEYOND COMPETITION. I mentioned not getting reports from "Random House" - he gets reports from "Hugendubel" & they are very small. He is working on ORGANISMS ~~[illegible]~~ for SPIELBOX; it will be called the German for ANGELS & DEVILS. He rcd. 2 ~~[illegible]~~ games from Ronnie Corn, which I ~~[illegible]~~ learned tomorrow were TOWER 6 & WHERE TO?. In the current issue - which he sent to Ronnie - Ronnie's DOUBLE IDENTITY is the game; Jumbo's SPONSOR is also reviewed, with the differences pointed out. I called him back w. info on ODD & EVEN & FINANCIER.

(Cont. from above)

Played STRANDED (Rainbow Games) by myself, 4-hand, and w. BB, 2-hand. Played O.K., but the early play was rather meaningless. Tried adding strategy by using a circle w. the 5 colors and a marker moved one space to indicate what color a player could use. Didn't work. Then used chips of the ~~Last Day To File Your Federal Income Tax Report For 1986~~ 4 colors for ~~And Estimated Declaration For 1987.~~ each player to use one at a time. Also didn't work.

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16 Thursday

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Maundy Thursday
De Diego Birthday (P.R.)

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Rcd. mailing from "Zorph Enterprises" w. sheet on their QUEST OF THE GREAT JEWELS & sheet on WARP FORCE EMPIRES by "Emprise Game Systems."

Playing around w. STRANDED by myself & w. BB. Came up w. a variant that worked. When player can't move to a "time machine" of proper color, player must give the time machine they picked up to the player who just played (to the right). If none was picked up, none must be passed. When player is "stranded" he must pass 3 machines to player on the right. In either case, the player not moving or stranded can still collect from the next player - even at the end. Most machines wins; or score can be kept, with each player going first an equal number of times.

Call from Felicia. She spoke to Chris Campbell, who said he had spoken to me (but she wasn't at all annoyed abt. it), (told her it was mainly abt. a possible Salem museum and his seeing my collection) He'll be coming to look at product in abt. 3 wks. She'll take him to lunch, and invited me.

Call from Charles Barouch. He is involved w. ~~another~~ an upcoming mag. to be called REALMS OF ADVENTURE. Gary Gygax is the publisher. It will be mainly abt. "RPG's" but they want a column on "main stream" games. He spoke to Marvin Silbermintz, but Marvin wants to do a column of odds & ends called "Cobwebs" & suggested me for the games column. I spoke abt. what I did for S&T and will send him repro of some of these; he'll pass them on to the editor. I asked abt. compensation but he doesn't know; he'll be doing a column but will be paid off w. ad space - he's thinking of putting out some of his own GAMES. Incidentally, one reason that Gygax wants a column on main stream games is that he intends to do some such GAMES himself.

Charles Barouch
P.O. Box 957
Flushing, NY 11354
(718)-762-6730

Realized that Walter Luc Haas was mis-taken abt. OIL STRIKE (see 4/15). The player can drill twice whether the first is suc-cessful or not. Tried to call, but no answer.

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Clipped page w. THE BIBLE CHALLENGE GAME & TANGOES. Found a previous (undated) catalog; SUPER STRATEGIES FOR PUZZLES AND GAMES (have this); SUPER-COLOSSAL BOOK OF PUZZLES, TRICKS, AND GAMES - by S.A. Barry. Full of some of the best games, tricks and puzzles ever! Fun at parties and can be used by one or more people with little or no preparation. 635 pages - 7½ x 9. Pub. at $12.95 - only $6.98. (Didn't buy.)

(Cont. from 4/21) [4/21]

In talk w. Scott Marley we agreed that THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR had poor rules; that KUMITE & THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME were nothing.

Good Friday
Flag Day (Amer. Samoa)
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Friday 17
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lled Felicia to wish her happy holiday. She is going to Chuck Luchsinger's tomorrow. Bill Riva is back in Switzerland - to return in May; Mavia is in California.

ried to call Walter Luc Haas again. No answer - must be away for holiday.

18 Saturday

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Holy Saturday

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To visit the Laurences. Played 4-hand STRANDED w. my new rules. Phil & I tied w. 15 points each. Not bad.

Sunday 19

Easter Day

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ram NEWS • clipped pc. on RAISE THE TITANIC • & column on (EPYX).
RADIO BASEBALL • ~~EPYX~~ (Electronic Arts) & THE WORLD'S GREATEST BASEBALL GAME •

20 Monday

April 1987

Last Quarter
Easter Monday
Patriots' Day (Maine, Mass.)
110/255

Called Wayne Schmittberger and he called me back. They are still planning on special editions of GAMES, etc. Told him I'd be there towards end of this wk. Asked for Scott Manley. Not in yet and he'll call me when gets in.

Rcd. package from "Jumbo," ORIENT EXPRESS - in French. JUMBO JET - dupl., but diff. edition than that I got from Ronnie Corn in '77. SPONSOR - which comes from Ronnie's INCOGNITO / DOUBLE IDENTITY. PANIC. CODE 777. CAT AND MOUSE.

Call from Stephen D. Yennaco of "Big Ben Games, Inc." He is putting out a game - MARINE CORPS TRIVIA. He has sold quite a few to marine base stores. He said that the play is much better than TRIVIAL PURSUIT, but he'd like to make it even better. He saw the "Guru" article in GAMES. He'll send me a copy and will call in 2 wks. to see if I'll be a "game doctor."

86 Essex St. (4th Flr)
Haverhill, MA 01830
(617) 521-1377

Call from Felicia, Bill Riva sent her a package of GAMES that were supposed to be by Chuck Luchsinger - but none were. She wants to call Bill, and asked the time diff. to Switzerland. She is looking forward to the visit from Chris Campbell - he promised to give her some advance notice. She particularly wants to show him FOREIGN INTRIGUE, altho it was previously turned down by P. - it is very timely she thinks. I also want to show REACH & TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN - I said. A lot of inventors want to send her things, mainly children's - but she just wants to stay w. me, ~~[illegible]~~ Pam Formato, John Johnson, & Chuck.

($4,41).

Called Walter Luc Haas, Told him that in OIL STRIKE a player can always drill 2 wells, whether the first is successful or not. He asked abt. the multiple "spying" in SPY and I looked at the rules & answered him. I asked which are the 3 games of mine that will be in SPIELBOX. He doesn't know - he's being paid to translate a number of them. He rcd. a check for DM550 for Ronnie Corn's DOUBLE IDENTITY - altho it is supposed to be DM500 - he'll check what the story is.

Call from Herb Levy. They have a babysitter lined up for Fri. and can come here; sure. He asked if I have tried SCEPTRE 1027 A.D. yet; no, maybe when he comes Fri.; he is supposed to get one but it hasn't come yet. He rcd. a package from "Aristo Play" w. ARTDECK, BY JOVE, MUSIC MAESTRO, & WHERE IN THE WORLD?. He has played EDUCATED GUESS & finds it dull. He rcd. PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES (Eagle Enterprises) and finds it dull also; move along a path buying states; raise money by throwing dice instead of moving on a turn (very rough idea). Spoke to him abt. THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR (Ronin Enterprises) - he assumed that you rescue the "lady" by bringing her back to your side. He will probably have a copy of the latest GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT for me.

alled Chris Campbell. I suggested his coming here to see my collection & to look at "product" after we first meet at Felicia's. He liked the idea. He has a number of trips coming up and spoke abt. May, I brought up STATIONERY SHOW; he wasn't familiar w. it, but I said it worth seeing and he said he'd like to. I asked abt. the children's game invention contest, and they are going slow on it. I again said that my working together w. Ruth Rontberg would make sense. We'll talk abt. it when we get together. I asked abt. "Debbie" & he has spoken to her; the review copies should be coming shortly.

all from Felicia. Some friends of Pam Formato's have done a game - I BET I KNOW - which they intend to publish themselves. They'd like me to look at it. I said sure. Felicia will have us to her apt. for me to do it. Then she'll get rid of them & take me to lunch. Incidentally, Wayne Schmittberger was paid to check the answers to all the questions. Bill Riva called her from Switzerland; he may come back in May - depending on his accountant.

Called Scott Marley in the morning - not in & asked Mike Shenk to have him call me. Called again after 4 and got him. He just played MEGA-RAIDER - we discussed it & I objected to the fact that the one behind was most vulnerable & didn't have any chance to get back. He objected to takeovers not happening often enough. Asked, and he rcd. STRANDED, and he liked it. Told him abt. my improvement & probably that is what I'll use in connection w. the review. I asked if he had CORPORATE PURSUIT; yes & he finds it pretty dull; actually he was paid for rewriting the rules. He rcd. ULTIMATE GOLF - very attractively produced. I asked if he had ULTIMATUM - yes (see 3/26) - haven't tried it yet. I asked if he rcd. a copy of FLUTTER - no. He said it is an old game - but this is a new edition; one question is whether it will be generally available. I asked if he rcd. TV WARS & QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE from "A.H." - no, and I'll bring them Fri. when I come. He asked if I had tried CONGLOMERATE - not yet, I brought up that a friend of mine likes INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE - he & Burt Hochberg tried but couldn't understand it. I asked abt. further issues, GAMES 100, etc. He said he only worries abt. one issue at a time; he was thrown into the review end of it when Burt was fired, without being adequately prepared. I said that if I could be of help not to hesitate calling on me.

After call looked at some games. CONGLOMERATE - looks more like work than fun. INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE - I could understand it - looks pretty good, but it is strictly just for 2 players w. one exception - w. teams a player may sometimes be permitted to transfer to the other team. CORRUPTION (J.W. Small Co.) - just a matter of reading cards and following their instructions. MANEUVERING (Maneuvering Games, Inc.) - not bad combination of strategy & dice throws. FAMILY TIES (Applestreet) - pleasant family game.

Call to Bob Grabhorn to tell him I didn't abscond; that I had some ideas for COGNITIVITY, but then tax time came up. He'll call me in abt. 2 wks. He considerately kept the call short.

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22 Wednesday

April 1987

Secretaries' Day
Arbor Day (Nebr.)
112/253

Call from Rick Brown• asking abt. his TRAILER TRUCKIN•. He sent copies by "U.P.S."-a wk. ago Mon. - to me, Matthew Costello• & Emily Cox• (why her?) @ GAMES• Mag. Told him I'd be there this Fri. If games not there I'll drop him a line.

3507 Tully Rd. (Suite E2-151)
Modesto CA 95356
(209)-523-6848
"R.E.D. Enterprises"

Call from Stephen Yennaco• to see if I rcd. MARINE CORPS TRIVIA•. Agreed that if I didn't get it by next Mon. I'd call him.

Call from Steve Cooperstein• w. a tax-free band offer. Not a ward abt. home tax game collection. Told him "no" & he ~~hung~~ hung up in a huff.

Thursday 23

St. George
113/252

April 1987

Looking @ my cols. in S&T and decided to repro the following to send to Charles Baroudi (see 4/16): #25, 27, 34, 45, 46. (In #42 noticed MVFKI-PVFKI - spent a little time looking for it and found it in drawer "A."

Looking at games from "Midwest Marketing, Inc.; RISKY BUSINESS - based on dairy farming, and largely a matter of luck; TRONQUEST couldn't understand the rules; MEMORY BANK - completely a question of memorizing lists, and seemed more work than fun"; QUADS - might be worth a short review.

Rcd. "Priority Mail" package w. MARINE CORP TRIVIA (Big Ben Game Inc.) w. letter from Stephen D. Yennaco; Rules very unclear!

Rcd. bill from Mel Bush for "tax forms" - $400.00. (What abt. "Keough" forms?)

Call from Herb Levy. His father in hospital, so changed date tomorrow to 5/8; we'll go there.

(cont. from 4/24) [4/24]

letter from Russell B. Wilson (see 4/13) on his programming SCORE UP. We discussed it and decided not to ask for a cut if he sells it. I asked, & he remembered seeing CHESS SPORTS (see 3/28); he thinks they are too complicated for GAMES mag.

At home got long call from Felicia - nothing of particular interest.

Another long call, from Robin King. ~~told her that Mensa meeting wouldn't~~ Made arrangements for Mensa meeting tomorrow.

24 Friday

4/23

April 1987

Arbor Day (N.Y.)

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TO GAMES. Brought Scott Marley "A.H.'s" IV WARS & QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE. Showed my STRANDED variant to scott; then we played 3-hand w. Mike Shenk: we decided I'll do a review, including my variant; due in 2 wks. or less. I asked scott if he got QUADS - no. Also he didn't get FLUTTER - & didn't want to call abt. it. Made repros of the following: TRAVERSE (Glacier Games Co.) - complete info; KAGE (DMR Games) - complete info; MASTER'S GAME (Les Jeux Inspiro Ltée) - complete info; ULTIMATUM (Bates Games Inc.); WITT AND WISDOM Master Edition (Laff-A-Lott) - rules only - actually 2 diff. sets, w. a number of games - including JOKER-POKER DICE; TRAVELOG (GreKer Games, Inc.) - reprod complete info (but misplaced the board). Made repros of following that I brought w. me: My cols. in S&T #25, 27, 34, 45, 46; Rules for WHO (P.) - for Herb Levy & to add to set of 7/28/84; DUB-L OR NUTH-N (Family Fun Games) - complete info; THE LAST STARFIGHTER: TUNNEL CHASE (FASA) - fairly complete info; THE TFL NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING GAME (Trans Freight Lines) - complete info except for board. Looked at STEPPE (DMR Games) - it is new name for STAK, which I rcd. in '86. Asked Scott abt. SCEPTRE 1027 A.D. as a poss. review - too much like CHESS, w. additional complications. Took copy of "REB Enterprises'" TRAILER TRUCKIN' - w. letter from Rick Brown & his card. Looked @ ULTIMATE GOLF for a moment, but didn't go into it. Scott had copy of CHARADES PLUS for me, but raining & didn't want to carry too much.

John Keenen gave me a batch of items. Envelope w. ALPHA CARDS (Creative Visions, Inc.) - dupl. - and letter from A.J. Robbins: Letter from "August Productions" - Janet L. Chaney, asking financial info on games - their game - VICES & VIRTUES. Letter from "Richard S. Clemons" - looking for CRAZY CLOCK (Ideal), BOWLA-MATIC (Eldon Toys), & CAMOUFLAGE (MB). Letter from "Maryann Senko" w. drawing of a PUZZLE she is trying to find the name of - enclosed SSAE. Letter from John Dalida abt. study of mathematical games; mentions G&P, AGOG, CAN'T STOP, & writing to Martin Gardner - enclosed SSAE. 2 letters from John Chomah abt. "solving" SCORE UP and his expansion to 20 chips. Letter from Kevin Gilles asking for copy of ARCHIE BUNKER'S CARD GAME (got dupl. on 10/21/81). John also gave me copies of form letters: To manufacturers seeking reviews; To inventors, mentioning DESIGN AND SELL TOYS, GAMES & CRAFTS by Filis Frederick & SECRETS OF SELLING INVENTIONS by Richard C. Levy - and including "Are You Game?" from "Guru" article. John also gave 1987 "GCT Catalog" - put out by THE GIFTED CHILD TODAY mag.: TRIVIAL PURSUIT, LIFE REMEMBERS, READER'S DIGEST COMPUTER QUESTION AND ANSWER GAME, CROSSWORD CUBES GAME, SENTENCE CUBE GAME, REBUS SYMBOL SENTENCE GAME, SCRABBLE, CREATE, THINK TANK, BRAIN GAMES, 134 ORIGINAL SCIENTIFIC GAMES THAT REVEAL HOW YOUR MIND WORKS, BRAIN PUZZLER'S DELIGHT, D&D, ON-WORDS, REUNION, THE UNGAME, AHA! GOTCHA, AHA! INSIGHT, EQUATIONS, ON-SETS, TRI-NIM, THE PROPAGANDA GAME, WFF'N PROOF, CIVILIZATION, KINGMAKER, 1776, CONQUISTADOR, GETTYSBURG, SOURCE OF THE NILE, DIPLOMACY, MACHIAVELLI, WAR AND PEACE, GUNS OF AUGUST, STRUGGLE OF NATIONS, STOCK MARKET, CLASS STRUGGLE, THIRD REICH, BUSINESS STRATEGY, GOLD, FOREIGN EXCHANGE, STOCKS AND BONDS, COMPUTER STOCKS AND BONDS, EXECUTIVE DECISION, TUF, YELLOWSTONE, INVENTIONS, INTERN, DILEMMAS, BALI, TUFABET, SHAKESPEARE, WORD POWER, BOOK OF LISTS, FACTS IN FIVE, TRIVIA, COMPUTER FOREIGN EXCHANGE. Wanted to speak to Wayne Schmitberger, but not in today. I asked Scott abt. the disc for SCORE UP, but he didn't know where it was. Later (but can't remember when) spoke to Wayne on the phone. I asked abt. the

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Saturday 25

St. Mark

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Rcd. BAYARD (Mosan Products Inc.) from "Discovery Toys."
Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (May '87 - Vol. 8 No. 5). Nothing on games.
In answer to PLAYTHINGS request rcd. mailing from "Gio Enterprises" on PERSONALITY PROBE & SEXUALITY PROBE.

Picked up Robin King and here for lunch. To rummage sale in church school in Hartsdale. Bought KEYWORD (P.) (25¢) - dupl. - parts missing. To Bob Wittrock's. He, Robin, BB, & I played STRANDED w. my changes; Bob turned up his nose at it. Debbie came in and the 5 of us played TEMPTATION POKER. Anne & Bob Abbott came in; Bob took over for BB, and Anne for Debbie and we played till both of them went broke Bob W. won. Robin, BB, and I played IPSWICH, while the other 4 played CODE 777. I didn't care for IPSWICH at all and we didn't finish. Debbie joined us and I suggested DOSSIER but Robin said no. Instead we played TAKEOVER - but I won by ~~[illegible]~~ "debts" w. no one else close either way. Both Bobs & Anne played ROBOT RAMPAGE. To eat @ "Pizza & Brew." Back @ Bob's I suggested DOSSIER but they wanted to play WHAT'S THAT ON MY HEAD? We left - after waited for bus too long, drove Robin home. Before leaving we spoke abt. a May meeting at our house, but probably won't come off. During session I showed QUADS (Quads Inc.) to BB and Robin. Robin beat BB once, then me twice.

Message on machine from Jerry Slocum. Coming to N.Y.C. and would like to get together. Called him & the only free time he had left was 5/1 in the evening. Invited him for supper then. He'll be at "Hudson Museum" in Yonkers on 4/30 and will call from there for final details. His telephone no. ((213-273-2270)).

26 Sunday

April 1987

Second Sunday of Easter
Daylight Saving Time begins

116/249

Looked at BAYARD (Mosan Products Inc.) and checked in a no. of books. Found it was POLISH CHECKERS/DAME/INTERNATIONAL CHECKERS.

Call to & from Claude. Set date for 5/9. Details to be arranged.

Call from Lou Zocchi ((1512 30th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501 ~ 800-647-9549)). A friend of his who composes music heard abt. a "game" that lets you write music. Told him it was MELODY DICER (Carousel Publ. Corp.) and that I can send him complete repros. He said he'll send me a 100-sided die in return. He got my number from Jim Dunnigan, told him that I hadn't heard from Jim in years.

Call from Raymond Soucie. In answer to his letter Jürgan Hagadorn called him. He'll send Claude a contract for UNES OF ACTION that is the same as mine (for BLOCKADE). The advance is $500 (later wondered if it was DM500, like I got).

New Moon
Fast Day (N.H.)
Confederate Memorial Day

Monday 27

April 1987

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tudying COGNITIVITY; MARINE CORPS TRIVIA - completely ~~ununderstandable~~! ununderstandable; TRAILER TRUCKIN' - not bad.

all from & to Felicia - abt. sending "A.H." check.

ent repros of my S&T cols. to Charles Barouch w. following message: "Dear Charles, These are a sampling of my "Strategy & Tactics" columns. Looking forward to hearing from - and to working with - you. Sincerely, Rid."

rote letter to Jürgen Hagedorn: Raymond Soucie, LINES OF ACTION; SOLITAIRE DICE / DICE RACE / POKER PICK, MONAD / THE FIRST MILLION, Walter Luc Haas; BLOCKADE copies; GAMES for my collection - INDIANA JONES, DA IST DOCH DER WURN DRIN, GOJU - English rules for SIRIUS, ABILENE, GIMEL, FLUCTUS, RAUBER UND GENDARM, UISGE; royalty report for BLOCKADE.

ll from Betsy Deisroth of CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN. Arranged that she'll be here Weds. to return my games.

28 Tuesday

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W. BB to rummage sale in "Larchmont Ave. Church." Bought the following for $6.00. EXPLORATION• (Spiring Enterprises)-dupl.; SAIL AWAY• (Mullincrafters)-dupl.-original box discarded; WORD-O-RAMA• (Word-O-Rama); OPTION• (P.)-dupl.-in shrink wrap; ACQUIRE• (A.H.)-dupl.; BAFFLES• (Maruca Industries Inc.)-dupl.-didn't check no. of cards; MAJOR CAMPAIGNS OF GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR• (House of Games/Waddingtons)-counters not checked; IMPOSSI-BALL• (MB). In another room bought BRIDGETTE• (Gamut of Games, Inc.) (25¢)-dupl. At church in Mamaroneck bought 4 issues of ANALOG• Mag. (10¢ each). Clipped columns by Matthew Costello: 4/87-"FASA's" BATTLE DROIDS•/BATTLE TECH•, AEROTECH•, MECHWARRIOR•, CITY TECH•; 6/86-TIMEMASTER ROLE-PLAYING GAME• & TIMETRICKS, A SURVIVOR'S GUIDE TO TIME TRAVEL• (Book)-by "Pacesetter"; 9/86-Review of SUPREMACY• (Supremacy Games), w. mentions of TWILIGHT 2000 & THIRD WORLD WAR• series by "GDW", Dana Lombardy's 4TH REICH• by "Task Force Games", THE NEXT WAR• by "Victory Games"; 12/86-HACKER• (Activision Inc.).

BB typed letter to Jürgen Hagedorn•. She felt strongly that the request for games & game rules should be omitted and I agreed.

Call from Anne Soucie•. Dave Horn's name was mentioned as a witness in the case of 2 people found dead in a car on their street-in the NEWS•. She'll save the clipping for me.

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. A GUIDE TO WAR GAMING•-by G. Gush and A. Finch. Handy reference book for an increasingly popular hobby. Outlines the history of the wargame, the techniques of scaling and representation and appropriate rules for various types of play. 256 pages. Publ. at $19.95-Now Only $2.98. (Didn't order it.)

Wednesday 29

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Rcd. PIRATEN INSEL (Schmidt Spiele) - w. rules in German, French, Italian, and Dutch - from David Watts.

Betsy Deisroth of CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN here with my games that I loaned them last yr.: GONE BANANAS, ACQUIRE, DOMINATION, FEUERWEHR, GAME INVENTOR'S KIT, CAN'T STOP - model & published set. She told me that the dice were missing from the "p" set of CAN'T STOP; not to worry; took dice from model to replace them. (Later discovered that the checkered board from GAME INVENTOR'S KIT was missing.) Showed Betsy the collection; she thought that a community college might be a good possible home - they may be less into "PHD's"; she'll see if she can do some scouting around. Gave her repro of "Guru" article.

Call from Paul Fuccillo - for my questions on his THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR. Told him that I expected his call a few wks. ago, and I'll have to refresh myself on the game. He'll call me tomorrow. Looked at game.

Call from James L. Smith. He is going to correct the cards in KNEXT and to rewrite the rules. Can he still get a review? Realistically, not too much chance - but GAMES 100 is a real possibility altho, of course, I can't promise it. He'll send copies of new edition to me and Scott Mayley as soon as ready.

Call from Felicia - and she spoke to BB, she can't get the "A.H." check out until Friday.

Rcd. catalog from "COMPUTER DIRECT". Kept many pages w. too many games to list them all.

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Call from Warren Holland. He'll be in N.Y.C. for the "Premium Show." He'll call me Sat. to arrange to come for supper on Mon. I asked abt. review copies of his games. INK BLOTZ is ready. He should have the others by Stationery Show.

Remembered that we'll probably be out Sat. Called Holland and he won't call here btw. noon & 5 P.M.

Rcd. repro of complete info on WORDSEARCH (Waddington Games Ltd.) from Walter Luc Haas.

Called Betsy Deisroth at CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTEN. Not in yet.

Call from Bonnie Rosenblum ((914-963-4550)) of the HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM. Jerry Slocum thought I might be of some help in their finding a corporate sponsor for the puzzle exhibit - which runs from the end of July thru Sept. "Colco" said they'd love to, but can't afford to. "Matchbox" is looking into it. Told her that I have no ideas - that I am looking for a sponsor for my collection. Talked abt. getting together, but nothing definite.

Call from Eric Goldberg - "to show he hasn't forgotten me." They are working hard on finishing the STAR WARS ROLE-PLAYING GAME. John Butterfield (see '78) is working on a board GAME that is more in my area; he may call on me for help on it. He asked if I could do a political GAME - of course. He'll call me when they are ready. Told him that "ASS" might be interested in IT'S A DEAL again.

Call from Paul Fucillo abt. THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR. Spoke abt. my problems w. the rules: the 2 special "provinces", the "hostage lady", etc. He'll rewrite the rules & send copies to me & Scott Marley. He'll also send us sets of the metal pcs. for the game.

Call from Rick Brown. Told him I picked up TRAILER TRUCKIN' and it looked interesting. Gave him info on & address for GAMER'S ALLIANCE REPORT.

Call from Ron Weingartner at "M.B." Mike Meyers says I should be getting the release on DOMINATION in 10 days. They are returning POTA, NOW OR NEVER, & HIGH SPIRITS. They want 2 areas - "Children's" & "All Family" - & mine are too adult for either. HIGH SPIRITS too? - well, there are others that are stronger. Called Felicia to tell her.

Call from Felicia. Chris Campbell called her and we'll show him things at her apt. on 5/13. I'll bring REACH & FOREIGN INTRIGUE, ~~and then he may come here to see my collection & other things~~ Chuck Luchsinger will be there, and she'll show some of Pam Formato's items.

Pretty sure I called Chris Campbell after this and he'd like to come here from Felicia's to see my collection and look @ product - but don't remember when.

St. Philip & St. James
Loyalty Day
Law Day
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Friday 1 May 1987

Rcd. "Priority Mail" package from Paul Fuccillo of "Ronin Enterprises" w. metal pcs. for THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR and new cardboard counters.
"U.P.S." package from "P." w. NERF TABLE HOCKEY.
From "P." rcd. $34.41 check for CAN'T STOP in Germany - 4th quarter '86.
Mail package from John Farewell: HEXAPAWN (IBM); BEAT THE COMPUTER / PLA-PUZZLE NO. 24 (Tenyo Co., Ltd.); HEXAGONAL CHESS (W. Glinski) - 2 identical heavy paper boards & RULES OF HEXAGONAL CHESS booklet.

From "MB" rcd. "Eastern Connection" package w. POTA, NOW OR NEVER, HIGH SPIRITS.

Called Scott Marley, and he called me back. Asked, and he has the reprod of TRAVELOG board (see 4/24). Asked, and he rcd. some mat'l. from "MB" - JITTERS & children's games; he did get THUNDER ROAD - it seems to be totally luck. Told him I'd bring STRANDED review in on 5/6. Incidentally, he'll review JITTERS.

Called Betsy Deisroth at CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN again, and not there. I asked, and she did pick up her messages yesterday.

Visit from Jerry Slocum (bringing wine). Supper. While going thru collection found a puzzle w. no date which I thought was called 26 PUZZLE (but couldn't find it in diary). The board has numbers as shown. There are 10 numbered magnetized pcs. "Place the discs 0-9 so that horizontally or vertically or diagonally, or in any grouping of four squares, or the four corners, the total is 26." (NSC P.O. Box 282 NY, NY 10032) (Actually it is trivial.) Gave it to Jerry. Gave him dupl. PSYCHE-PATHS of 10/16/82 - he'll return the rules to me since they are diff. from my original set. He does have KALIKO, but wants to have everything that is diff. in his collection. Altho he has a set, gave him a dupl. set of SPECTACULARS for trading. He'd like to get dupl's. of NINE OF SWORDS, but I didn't offer any. He saw LOGI-QUAD PUZZLE & I gave him John Geiger's address to try & get one. He mentioned having extra copies of the 5x5x5 RUBIK'S CUBE and trading w. me for one - but we didn't specify whether he will send it to me for today's items. I asked him abt. the PUZZLE of 5/26/84; object is to get each of the 10 colors in each vertical column. Told him abt. MAGIC PUZZLER (see 4/12) and he doesn't have it. He mentioned talking to Herb Kohl who is back in CA; told him I owed Herb an apology, and would like to hear from him. His exhibit at the HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM starts on 7/26 and he'd like us to be there. Gave me his card. Told him that "Hallmark's" RIGHT CONNECTIONS, THE call from Robin King while Jerry here. We'll call her back! & FITTING & PROPER were mine.

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While Jerry Slocum was here showed him puzzle in REACH.

(Later found that 26 PUZZLE was by "CS" - where?)

2 Saturday

May 1987

Called John Farewell• to thank him for yesterday's package; I owe him an SASE. Just leaving w. Judy, so he'll [redacted] call me tomorrow.

Letter from Bill Riva•: BAZAAR•, NEAT FIT, TAKE-A-WORD, FOREIGN INTRIGUE•. Probably be back abt. 5/15.

Visit from Audrey & Ronnie Cohn•, brought me KHARÉ - CITYPORT OF TRAPS• - book by Steve Jackson• - vol. 2 in STEVE JACKSON'S SORCERY!• series. Also repros of complete info for LASER CHESS• & HOSTAGE: THE BOARD GAME• (Tabby Toys, Inc.). At garage sale in Hartsdale bought PEOPLE WEEKLY• (P.) (50¢) - dupl. - seems complete. Played SPONSOR• and, despite what Walter Luc Haas• said, we didn't find the play bad; we didn't care for the art work. Ronnie hasn't rcd. a copy yet; I'll get him repro of the English rules. At a flea market he looked at a copy of BABELATION•, which he doesn't have; told him I'd bring him one next time. After supper we played my variation of STRANDED•; they liked it, particularly Audrey. Set next date for 6/6. Ronnie bought JITTERS• & likes it, altho it is difficult to do more than one card in the time. I suggested turning the timer for a 2nd run thru.

Call to Robin King•. Nothing specifically abt. games.

Call from Warren Holland•. Date Mon. & ~~will call before for~~ gave him directions, to give to taxi driver.

Visit from Laurence's. No games. Phil & I fooled w. SPECTACULANS•.

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for Claude - 50¢). At a flea market bought roll of "Scotch Magic Tape" (50¢). At church rummage sale bought abt. 50 cards of 5 buttons each, of diff. colors (1¢ each). (Ate @ Glendale Diner.) At their house played TAKEOVER•, sans Claude. The game was ended before any of us got much abv. $50. I think I'll have to change the rules to get more money into play.

Sunday 3
May 1987

Third Sunday of Easter

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Dale F. to H.S. reunion & left kids here. Dana fixed Bryan's OPERATION & I gave Bryan the one I bought on 11/1/86. Dana & I put up the NERF TABLE HOCKEY & we all played around w. it a little.

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Call from Amy Howland (The Rowland Co.). She'll send me the following "MB" games as they are ready: JITTERS, SHOGUN, WHATZIT?, WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW, THUNDER ROAD.

Called Rich Hanson. Told him what I found out abt. BAYARD. He said to write it & send it to him. I'll bill him for 2 hrs./$50. Told him that I was promised a release on DOMINATION; he said that it is a favorite of Lane Nemeth's. Asked if he knew how BAZAAR was doing; not off-hand, but I should get a royalty report this month. At beginning I mentioned that he had said that he'd call me; he checked his calendar & he had a note to call me.

Called Herb Levy to see if all o.k. for tomorrow. Yes - his father is all well.

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in #114, KANEV in #115, MANCHU in #116, NORTH GERMAN PLAIN in #117, IRON CROSS in #118, THE HORSE SOLDIERS in #119, NICARAGUA in #120; THERAPY taken by "Pressman" [redacted] from "Gambit Games, Inc."; A 32 page supplement to ELLERY QUEEN MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME (Mayfair Games); "Electronic Arts" doing PHM PEGASUS; "Waddingtons Games Ltd." & "P" w. agreement on CLUEDO/CLUE & MONOPOLY; "Task Force Games" doing VICEROYS: A GAME OF EXPLORATION AND EMPIRES; "Sleuth Publications Ltd." doing MERCENARIES, SPIES & PRIVATE EYES.

4 Monday

May 1987

Rcd. 1/87 issue of TOUGH PUZZLES (FOR AGILE MINDS) from England. Solicitation for me to subscribe, w. mention of FOUR STAR PUZZLER.
Letter from Ronald Weingartner, repeating our phone conversation abt. PIECE OF THE ACTION, NOW OR NEVER, & HIGH SPIRITS.
Another letter from Bob Smith in Australia. Mentions FORTRESS AMERICA, POWER, CONFRONTATION, PAGODA.

Called CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN. Betsy Deisroth not in again. Asked, and the one I spoke to said she'd have someone call me.
Call from Betsy Deisroth. She'll check on the missing checkered beaver from GAME INVENTOR'S KIT, will call me w. the result.

Call from Felicia. She finally was able to send me the "A.H." check (see 3/9) & would like to know when I get it. She rcd. another check today, w. the following for my games: VENTURE - $10.05; SLEUTH - $18.91; EXECUTIVE DECISION - $0.94; ACQUIRE - $333.25; for total of $363.15; my 85% is $308.68. For COMPUTER ACQUIRE there was $1.80, which reduced the previous deficit of $10.30 to $8.50 (? on previous deficit).
This is for 1st quarter '87. Told her I'll pick up this check on 5/13 — the meeting w. Chris Campbell. Also told her that I spoke to him and that he'll probably be coming here after the meeting @ her house. She invited Chuck Luchsinger, but not Pam Farnetto.

Rcd. "Fed. Express" package from "International Games," 2 copies of STUN and note from Jeff Conrad.

Looking @ games to show to Warren Holland tonight.

Called "The Rowland Co." (see 2/9 & 2/26). Amy Howland not in & Sara Coulter not available. Asked for them to call me.
Call from Burt Hochberg. A co. wants him to rewrite the rules for a game. (He said I knew the co. & game, but wouldn't tell me.) He asked how much he should charge & I told him my rates.

Call from Felicia. The date w. Chris Campbell is off. They are not interested in my type of games now.

Visit from Warren Holland for supper (late because of impossibility of getting a taxi at "Javits Center" - but he called to tell us). Among those items I showed him he wasn't interested in SLY, HAVEN, → TREASURE HUNT, CHEAT A LITTLE, HOLIDAY, PATTON. He is interested in low ticket items; showed him REACH & POTA; send both to him. We played ABOVE & BEYOND and he wants it sent too. He might be interested in METROPOLIS; DOSSIER - when I have a presentable model; CAN'T STOP - after I make sure P. doesn't have any plans for it. He is negotiating on a licensed item; he'll let me know if it goes thru, so I can have a chance to come up w. the GAME. Gave him copy of "Castle" AGOG signed: "To Warren, You know what makes a good game - and how to put it over. It is really great knowing you! Most sincerely, P. F." We'll get together during STATIONERY SHOW.

First Quarter
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Tuesday 5
May 1987

Noticed a rule abt. moving a jumped marker in STRANDER. Played w. BB & no problem in connection w. my variation. Wrote review.

called "The Rowland Co." again. Amy Rowland not in & Sara Coulter not available.

call from Claude; Invited us for light lunch Sat. A school sale is scheduled & he'll look for other things.

(ZOCCHI HEDRON 100-SIDED DICE)

Rcd. package from Lou Zocchi. Contained 100-sided die; 1-4-sided, 1-6, 1-8, 1-12, & 2-20-sided dice - w. "Mayfair" GEMSTONES rules. Letter mentioning MELODY DICER; GEMSTONES - and that I could do better; Jim Dunnigan's no. ((212-929-5288)). Repros of newspaper articles on Lou. Issues #52 thru #56 of HEX-O-GRAM - listings of items for sale (didn't go thru them - except that #56 has prices for SETS w. games, quite expensive. Another ad sheet including the following "Task Force" games: VALKENBURG CASTLE, INTRUDER, SURVIVAL / BARBARIAN, CERBERUS, CITY STATES OF ARKLYRELL, SPELLBINDER, ULTRAWARRIOR, BOARDING PARTY, MOON BASE CLAVIUS, WARRIORS OF BATAK, ESCAPE FROM ALTASSAR, SUPER VILLIAINS. Another sheet w. "Blowout Sale".

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of GAMES. They are thinking of a PUZZLE contest - one being to come up w. a GAME by eliminating the proper rules from those given (rough idea) - told Wayne I'd be happy to help w. it. To fill out the odd months they are preparing "Vacation Puzzles" for roughly July; for Sept. there will be "Pencil Puzzles"; for Nov. an expanded GAMES 100 is being considered. They are definitely going to bind extra "Pencilwise" inserts for added payments; similar for "Winning Moves" is being considered. He showed me unbound copy of next issue; there is add by "TSR" for CHASE, which I reviewed when it was by "Blue Dolphin Games." Wayne had SUDZ and a number of other "Games Gang" games. Roy DeVries came in; mentioned that it is impossible to put over an abstract strategy game; that Jerry Glickenhouse has left "West End Games"; I asked when he might be interested in one of my games - never. Spoke to Wayne abt. ON ASSIGNMENT (probably not today) - Roy is working on a prototype. Wayne gave me computer disc of SCORE UP by Fred Burggraf.

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n package from Lou Zocchi, catalogs from "Iron Crown Enterprises" - "Omega Games" - "Chaosium Inc." - "Task Force Games" - (Didn't go thru them). Also some "poster" ads from "Steve Jackson Games" - (discarded).

n talk w. Claude he spoke abt. a memory GAME using tiles w. numbers. These are turned up, w. the object of getting 2 or 3 numbers that add up to a square no. (rough idea).

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Rcd. 2nd package from David Watts (see 4/9 & 4/29). Contained RAIL (Alga)- but only one board (?). Also English rules for RAILWAY RIVALS & PIRATE ISLAND.

(see 3/9)

Rcd. check for $765 from Felicia, w. note of going to "City Island." Called Felicia to tell her check came. Told her no hurry in sending me the $308.68 check (see 5/4).

Rcd. answer to PLAYTHINGS card from "University Games" rcd. sheets on MURDER MYSTERY PARTY, ALVA, TWENTY QUESTIONS & a series of "trivia" games - LOVE, SEX & ROMANCE, THE WOMEN'S GAME, VICES, BUSINESS TRIVIA, RICH & FAMOUS. (Added this to envelope of 2/11.)

Rcd. catalog from "A.H./Victory Games": ACQUIRE, GAME OF TRIVIA, PLAYBOY THE GAME OF ELEGANT LIFESTYLES, DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX, DR. RUTH'S COMPUTER GAME OF GOOD SEX, JAMES BOND 007 ROLE PLAYING, OUTDOOR SURVIVAL, TWIXT, GO, STOCKS & BONDS, VENTURE, FACTS IN FIVE, FEUDAL, RAIL BARON, BOOK OF LISTS, CLASS STRUGGLE, SLEUTH, IMAGE, DILEMMAS, INVENTIONS, BALI, RUNEQUEST; STATIS-PRO BASEBALL, STATIS-PRO FOOTBALL, BOWL BOUND, STATIS PRO BASKETBALL, PAYDIRT!, BASEBALL STRATEGY, FOOTBALL STRATEGY, SUPERSTAR BASEBALL, REGATTA, TITLE BOUT, USAC AUTO RACING, PRO GOLF, PENNANT RACE, PRO TENNIS, SPEED CIRCUIT, WIN, PLACE & SHOW; TACTICS II, WAR AT SEA, ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER/SQUAD LEADER/etc., THIRD REICH, RUSSIAN FRONT, FIREPOWER, EMPIRES IN ARMS, DIPLOMACY, KNIGHTS OF THE AIR, B-17: QUEEN OF THE SKIES, FLIGHT LEADER, SIXTH FLEET, 2ND FLEET, AEGEAN STRIKE, AMBUSH!/etc., BATTLE HYMN, PACIFIC WAR, MOSBY'S RAIDERS, MAC PRO FOOTBALL, SUPER SUNDAY, SPITFIRE 40, UNDER FIRE, DREADNOUGHTS, GULF STRIKE. Also "Games and Parts Price List" - Effective July 1, 1986.

TO GAMES: Gave my STRANDED review to Scott Mayley. Spoke abt. my possibly doing a review of ENERGY BARON (Mellifer Inc.); he finds that it drags after all the property has been auctioned - possibly it might work after half of the remaining wells have been drilled (how would this work?); if I can fix it it would be a part of my review; took one of the 2 copies. Scott mentioned improving "A.H.'s" RAIL BARON by substituting some charts for loads of dice throws; also he introduced votes to raise the rates, w. bribing allowed to buy votes. Took the copy of CHARADE PLUS! (John Halbrooks & Kathleen McKool) Scott had for me. Scott couldn't find the repros of the TRAVELOG board, so I made another set. Made repros of complete info for BETELGEUSE (Philip Zweig) & BLIND ALLEY (Mackey Co.) - later discovered that I did both of these before. Reprod English rules for SPONSOR (Jumbo) - for Ronnie Corn. Made 4 sets of repros for MELODY DICER (Carousel Publ. Corp.); gave one to Scott who was interested in music. Scott had a "book" by "Green Cheese Publications" called TETRAD; there are rules for TETRAD & a number of variations - w. dice and pcs. in the book (but all the pcs. fell out as soon as the book was opened - (2 were left) borrowed it to look at. Called "The Rowland Co." again; neither Sara Coulter nor Amy Howland available; asked to have Amy call me tomorrow.

Spoke to Wayne Schmittberger. He gave me rules for his DIPLOMATS II, which is an expansion of his DIPLOMATS which was in 2/85 issue

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Thursday 7 May 1987

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Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#88/April). THE PADDINGTON HORROR an adventure for CALL OF CTHULHU. Ad by "Labyrinthe" for LABYRINTHE RPG. Article on WARHAMMER. New equip't. cards for CHAINSAW WARRIOR. "When Mad Gods Laugh" - a RUNEQUEST (III) adventure. Article on assassins in AD&D. Article on "Judges" in BLOOD BOWL. Letter from Greg Costikyan abt. his THE PRICE OF FREEDOM. Ad by "West End Games" for AIR & ARMOR & FIRE TEAM. Ad by "K Society, Inc" for FIRELAND & ANYWHEN'S IMPERIAL EARTH - RPG's. Ad by "Alpha Mega Enterprises for MILLENNIUM TRADER - PBM game. Ad for SPACE MASTER - RPG by "I.C.E." Ad by "Rampage Games" for ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE! - PBM game. Ad by "Games Workshop" for WARHAMMER FANTASY ROLEPLAY book & several modules; for ROGUE TROOPER boardgame.

In answer to PLAYTHINGS service rcd. info from "NALPAC Corp." on SCUBA & PHILMONT. (Also pictures to bring to Herb Levy.)

Letter from Bill Riva: Jürgen Stöhr, BAZAAR, FOREIGN INTRIGUE, NEAT FIT, TAKE-A-WORD, HIGH SPIRITS, POTA, TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLAIN. Enclosed card w. his address & tel. no. in Switzerland.

Call from Stephen Yennaco. Told him all the problems I found w. the rules for MARINE CORPS TRIVIA. He'll rework them and then pay me to get them into final shape.

Call from Sylvia Bailen. She mentioned to someone that she knows a game inventor - in connection w. BAZAAR. They are interested in a TV GAME, she asked, and I said that I could work w. others germs & could develope them into complete games. She said that in this she would get a cut - of course. I asked, and she has been dealing w. the younger "Discovery Toys" items, but she hears from others that they like BAZAAR. She'll call me abt. the TV game.

Thinking that there wasn't much point in sending REACH, POTA & A&B to Warren Helland now, since STATIONERY SHOW was so close. Called "Decipher" and Warren wasn't there; gal said to send them. Brought package to P.O. and sent it "priority mail" - no later than Mon. - and insured ($4.58)

Sent 2 sets of MELODY DICER to Lou Zecchi w. short letter of thanks. Mentioned Jim Dunnigan ($1.07).

Call from Mona Strehler of "Mattel" ((213-978-7274)). She is going thru a list of game related people; she asked if I knew anyone who would like to work for them in developing games (but not if I wanted to?). Told her Marvin Silbermintz - who she already knew and may come after finishing an assignment here; then Bruce Whitehill - who also already has been contacted. I asked abt. what Norma Milldrum told me on 2/9; the one to talk to is Jill Ottinger ((213-978-6776)) who is Norma's boss.

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Harry S Truman born 1884 (Mo.)

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Called "Decipher"; Warren Holland on other line. Told gal that package was sent "priority" mail & should be there by Mon.

Call from Bob Grabhorn. Told him abt. my ideas for making COGNITIVITY competative and he seemed to like them. Told him I'd send a sketch of the new board lay-out ASAP. He'll make another trip to N.Y. to talk abt. it after STATIONERY SHOW. He said that I must have used up the 20 hrs., but I said not to worry abt. it.

To visit Lynn & Herb Levy. Brought him rules for WHO (P.), and sheets on SCUBA & PHILMONT. He rcd. a flyer from "Hexagames" which mentioned games by Claude Soucie & me, w. picture of DIE 1. MILLION - in German; I asked & he'll mail me repros of the flyer. He rcd. [redacted] KNIGHTS OF THE AIR & TV WARS from "A.H.", altho they once said they would only send him mat'l. if he gives them free full page ads in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; he finds that TV WARS is not bad. Incidentally he has a lot of "Report" subscribers in Germany. He rcd. P-H-D - a matter of word definitions, w. no new ground covered. He picked up a copy of INTERNATIONAL MONETARY GAME (Piker); (Found that I reviewed it in S&T #69). He has a dupl. of DECLINE AND FALL (Avalon); (Got info on this in '73, but don't have a copy). He has a dupl. of INTREPID JOURNEY; he doesn't have BAFFLES. He rcd. DICT.; (Found that I didn't have it). He picked up a copy of PLAY POKER, which works like AUTOBRIDGE; decided against trading for it. We played ANNEX, which he rcd., and we liked it; I felt that more points should be given for longer words, and possibly less for bonus letters. Started a game of ENERGY BARON, which I brought w. me, but we stopped it; they felt it was terrible, but I felt that the tiny pcs. made it very unpleasant, and w. better equipt. it might be O.K. They feel that WILDCATTER is the perfect game of this type. He finds that THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME is not bad; I'll have to look at it again. He rcd. THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME and he thinks it is not bad. I asked, and he didn't get a copy of TRAILER TRUCKIN' (see 4/30 I asked, and he sent copy of GAMBLER (P.) to the woman who wanted it for her husband - for $8.00. I mentioned my trip to John Farewell; he did some trading w. Farewell some time ago; Farewell was upset, but just recently wrote "Let's bury the hatchet." He registered for STATIONERY SHOW, but will only go on 5/17. Next date on 5/29 or 6/5 - they'll call abt. it. Borrowed SPACE DICE (Present Games Ltd.) to look at. Took "Spring '87" issue of GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT: Reviews: EASTERN FRONT TANK LEADER / TANK LEADER (West End Games); AGAINST THE REICH (West End Games); REBEL SABRES (TSR, Inc.); FORTRESS AMERICA (MB); THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR (Ronin Enterprises); KASSLE, CHASSE, STEPPE, KAGE (DMR Games); SKELLY-O (Gotham Games, Inc.); BROADWAY (TSR); THE PRICE OF FREEDOM (West End Games); TRAVELLER: 2300 (GDW); TRADER CAPTAINS AND MERCHANT PRINCES (FASA Corp); INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE (Global Trends, Inc.). "Information Center": Sale of S&T by "TSR" to "World Wide Wargames, Inc."; THE KOREAN WAR in S&T #111, PATTON GOES TO WAR in #112, NAPOLEON AND THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES: BATTLE OF ABERSBERG in #113, NAPOLEON AND THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES: BATTLE OF ECKMUHL

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Rcd. SPIELBOX (Nr. 2 April/Mai '87). Ad by "F.X. Schmid" for AUF ACHSE. Ad by "Schmidt Spiele" for DER HEXENMEISTER VON FLAMMENDEN BERG; HÖLLENHAUS/CHILL-BOARD GAME; NACHTFLUG IN DER TOD-of KRIMI PARTY series; TATORT TITANIC; PREISFISCHEN; DRACHENFELS-by Alex Randolph; MENSCH ÄRGERE DICH NICHT-75 yrs. old. "Spielwelt": David Watts-DAMPFROSS, PIRATEN INSEL; UNTERWEGS MIT PAULUS (ABAS-spiele); 6-TAGE-RENNEN (Holtmann V.I.P.). "Messebummel": DRACHENFELS (Schmidt); TATORT TITANIC; JUNTA (ASS); PREISFISCHEN; DER HEXENMEISTER; HOLLENHAUS; BLÖFF; SCHUMMELTIER; DIE MAUER (Amigo); KAUFHAUS-KLAU (KD-Spiele); WETTFLUG (Otto Maier)-by Alex Randolph; ZEITFALLE & SCHNELLE 15 (MB); SPHINX (Otto Maier); SNIFF (FX Schmid); FANGEN (Otto Maier); FANG MICH, WENN DU KANNST (Spear); LAUF, PETZI, LAUF (Otto Maier); RETTE SICH, WER KANN; MONAD/DIE 1. MILLION (Hexagames)-by Sid Sackson; AUF ACHSE (F.X. Schmid)-by Wolfgang Kramer; TÄTER UNTER UNS series (ASS); KRIMI PARTY series (Schmidt); TATORT TITANIC (Schmidt); TATORT NACHTEXPRESS (Jumbo); BASIL-DER GROSSE MÄUSE DETEKTIV (Schmidt); XERXES (F.X. Schmid); SKIP-BO (Amigo); SPIELE DER WELT series (ASS); "Flying Turtle" w. MAGELLAN & CHICAGO supplements-RESTAURANT & SHARK; MEMO (Herder-Spiele); "I.T." w. HEUREKA-by Robert Abbott & GENERALOWSKY-by Alex Randolph; "Ravensburger" w. DER FLIEGENDE TEPPICH & DER SCHATZ DER INKA; "Piatnik" w. CAPTAIN COOK & DIGIT; SABOTAGE (Spear/Apex); LASS MEIN KÄNGURUH IN RUH. Article on "Kinderspiele"-featuring PREISFISCHEN & NIMMERSATT w. mentions of others. Article on "Deutsche Spiele-Archiv" w. pictures of ~~Bernward Thole~~ Bernward Thole & mention of Tom Wernneck in connection w. "Datenbank." Reviews: DAS KROKODIL-SPIEL (Noris); SPONSOR (Jumbo)-by "Jumbo-Team" from idea of Ronnie Corn; DER FLIEGENDE TEPPICH (Otto Maier); INDISCRETION (Piatnik)-by Alex Randolph. Complete game FRUNDSBERG-w. some kind of connection to XERXES (F.X. Schmid). "Besser Spielen": MAH JONGG; RUBIK'S MAGIC. "Sphinx"-article on dice & probably other gaming stuff. Ad by "Hexagames" w. picture of I CHING & DIE 1. MILLION (this not actually named). "Malas Spiele": IN DIE ENGE TREIBEN, MEIN NAME EIN SATZ, BUCHSTABENTREPPE. "Aufgaben": SLEUTH, SCRABBLE, CODE 777, DAME. "Computerspiele"-HANSE-w. mention of several others. Walter Luc Haas' "Spielwiese" article on DOUBLE IDENTITY; Ronnie Corn, me, BURIED TREASURE, KARTENSPIELE DER WELT; SPONSOR; Steve Spencer, BROKER/BÖRSENSPIEL, JOCKEY; LOSE YOUR SHIRT (Waddington); Eric Solomon, GAMES WITH PENCIL AND PAPER, SUBTERFUGUE, SIGMA FILE/AGENT; FORMEL I (ASS), Wolfgang Kramer, HEIMLICH & CO. (Perlhuhn/Ravensburger); INCOGNITO-Ronnie Corn; rules & board for DOUBLE IDENTITY. Ad by "Rhenania Gruppe" for DAS GROSSE LOGISTIK-SPIEL. "Spielwiese" articles on AUF CTHULHUS SPUR & FANG DEN HUT. Pictures of "Nuremburger"-including one of Alex Randolph. Prizes for new subscribers: DOOLITTLE & WAITE, HAVANNAH, SLEUTH. Ad for DENK MAL (Ravensburger). (see 6/16).

Rcd. letter from Karen Goeth of "Hoyle Products"-my samples being shipped.

Rcd. letter from Wayne Schmittberger w. rules for DIPLO-CHESS, a supplement to DIPLOMATS II. Info was also sent to Ralph Betza, Phil Cohen, Michael Keller, Paul Yearout.

To Claude for light lunch. To garage sale where I bought a Taiwanese RUBIK'S CUBE w. magic squares (50¢) (also got 3 paperback books

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Called Wayne Schmittberger, asking for a letter on GAMES stationery & some repros – to use at STATIONERY SHOW.

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Wrote "Report on the game BAYARD" - mentioning POLISH CHECKERS, DAMES, CONTINENTAL CHECKERS, INTERNATIONAL CHECKERS, CANADIAN CHECKE
Used the following books for reference: A HISTORY OF BOARD-GAMES OTHER THAN CHE
THE WAY TO PLAY, NON-CHESS GAMES by W. H. Rawlings.
Made out bill for $50.00, addressed to Rich Hanson.

From Wayne Schmittberger rcd. original & 3 dupl's. of letter to use at STATIONERY SHOW.
Thru S&T rcd. offer to join some kind of a military book club (discarded
Rcd. "sample" of 7/87 issue of ANALOG mag. Matthew Costello reviews TRAVELLER 2300 (GDW).

Rcd. "UPS" package w. LEGEND OF CAMELOT (Hoyle). (The delivery man was here before - and was interested in my collection. Offered to show it, but he didn't have time.)

Call from Felicia. Bill Riva sent her (when?) 2 Italian catalogs from '83 quite attractive. Asked her to hold them for me. She is seeing Chris Campbel tomorrow, but only for children's items.

Wednesday 13

Full Moon

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Rcd. "UPS" package from "West End Games": SCARED STIFFS -an adventure for GHOSTBUSTERS; WESTERN FRONT TANK LEADER - they mention EASTERN FRONT TANK LEADER, which I rcd. in '86 as TANK LEADER.

Call from Fred Nadis ((228-1620)). He heard abt. me from "Jenny" of CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN. He is a writer and would like to interest a mag. in an article on me. I suggested that he look at the GAMES article on me and he said he would. Also brought up that I am particularly interested in a home for the collection. Told him abt. STATIONERY SHOW and he'll probably go. He'll call me in abt. 2 wks.

Sent BAYARD report to Rich Hanson w. note stuck on.
Sent repro of SPONSOR English rules to Ronnie Corn.

Call from Gary Sherbell: He heard abt. "Mensa" having game sessions & would like to bring SUE FOR A MILLION. Told him abt. our unofficial group & that I'd invite him if it is here on 6/14. His bus. no. { Laurad Games (212-996-7622

Call from Felicia. She sent me the "A.H." check (see 5/4). I asked, and the meeting w. Chris Campbell today went very well. He took 3 items and was particularly enthused abt. one of Chuck Luchsinger's. He also gave Pam Formato suggestions on some of her other items. John Johnson was there too, but he acted rather strangely - Pam in particular commenting on it. Campbell said that the only adult item they are looking for is something with much interaction - like A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES. Felicia & I agreed.

Call from Mike Gray: He is planning to go to the zoo w. his family. Arranged that he'll come here from zoo, for supper, on 6/7. He asked, and he'll bring me FORTRESS AMERICA, and probably JITTERS. I asked, and he'll check w. Mike Meyers on DOMINATION. We spoke abt. the card game line & my call from Ron Weingartner (see 4/30); Mike said that none of the things they are using are really "card" games. He, of course, was for HIGH SPIRITS, but it is much more adult than any they are using.

In call from Felicia she said that Chris Campbell said that Laurie Curran was shocked to find that she didn't have all rights for licensing "Mad Magazine" items. "Hasbro" (I believe) has the game rights; but didn't "P." do a board & a card game?

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From "West End Games" rcd. ad sheets on upcoming Second Edition of PARANOIA.

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Rcd. mailing from "A.H." abt. a sweepstakes being set up to advertise QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE, w. "letter" from Tom Shaw. (Added to "A.H." matl. from Toy Fair, etc.

Rcd. copy of ANTIQUEWEEK - nothing of interest to me.

Rcd., from Herb Levy, repros of mailing by "Hexagames. Pictures and short descriptions of POLDI'S TENNIS, TOP 20, ABILENE, CONQUEST, WISGE, POLDI'S FUSSBALL, CONQUEST, SCHACH PLUS, LONG-SHORT, GOJU, CROSSADO, SO EIN KAMEL, SETI, BLISS O' STILL, RODEO, INDIANNA JONES, FUCH UND GANS, EPAMINONDAS, BRAVO-STARQUIZ - w. mention of Jürgen Hagedorn; 12ER STICH, CONQUEST, I CHING, DIE 1. MILLION - w. mention of me & MONAD - also of Claude Soucie - LINES OF ACTION/LOA & Donald Benge. (Filed in "Hexagames" folder.)

Letter from Lou Zocchi. Thanks for MELODY DICER; asked abt. "Business Game" - TAKEOVER.

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Rcd. 3 copies of GAMES (June/July '87). Ad by "TSR" for CHASE. Discussion by Scott Marley abt. notation & solving a puzzle called THE AVENGER (General Symmetrics). My MINI GOLF. Reviews: BROADWAY (TSR, Inc.) - by B.H.; THE CHAMPION'S STRATEGY FOR WINNING AT SCRABBLE BRAND CROSSWORD GAME, SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO RUBIK'S MAGIC, PUZZLE CRAFT by Stewart T. Coffin - by S.M.; THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTH (Ravensburger) - by S.M.; THE PAWN (Rainbird Software) - by B.H.; SPIN-OUT (Binary Arts Corp.) - by S.M. Small ads: FANTASY BASKETBALL (Fantasy Basketball) - PBM; GAME GOURMET Newsletter - send for free copy; Computer versions of GO, BATTLESHIP, TIC-TAC-TOE (3D) (Gedanken Systems, Inc.); NEWSLAND (Newsland); FLEET MANEUVERS (Fantastic Simulations) - PBM. Ad by "Games Mail Order" for ORIENT EXPRESS MYSTERY DETECTIVE GAME.

Letter from Bob Abbott w. instructions to their country house.

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TRAX; she'll send copies to Scott Marley & me. Asked if they would be interested in other games; write to her in July. Gave her repro of "Guru" article. Told her that David Smith has other excellent games; she said that they felt that this definitely his best.

- Whitehall Games, Inc. Passed by, since there didn't seem to be anything new.
- Van Dow Fenton. Took sheets on THE PUZZLER (Denver Mold Engineering/Go Images, Inc.) w. pictures of NOVICE, CHALLENGER, AVENGER (this I rcd. last yr. on 5/20). Was told the inventor was at another booth.
- Booth 1440; Cambor Enterprises, Inc. Spoke to Michael Caffrey of "Caffrey, Inc," and took his card. Took copies of YOMEGA - The Yo-Yo with a Brain - for me & for Scott Marley. Took ad sheet.
- Booth 1528; Naiteh Marketing, Inc. Took sheets from "Buffalo Games, Inc" w. following games: GUILTY PARTY (Don Scott Assoc.), SPEECHLESS (Don Scott Assoc.); LONDON MURDER MYSTERY GAME; MIND DANCE (Poly Concepts Corp.); also listing of WUPS! (Didn't ask for any of these.) Took card from Larry Balsamo of "TDC Games" and sheets w. the following: THE COUCH POTATO GAME, B.S. I; THE GAME OF BEING SNEAKY, SEXUAL DILEMMAS, ADULTRIVIA, ADULTRIVIA II. Took card from Gary Lane of "Low Voltage Games Inc." Gary told me abt. his ICE CRACKERS; I mention that my HAGGLE had some similarities; he doesn't have AGOG; he'll send me ICE CRACKERS and I'll send him AGOG; & if he'd like to publish anything from the book I'm sure that we can work it out.
- John N. Hansen Co. Fred Bates of "Bates Games" apologized for not sending me a copy of his ULTIMATUM; gave me one, also some ad sheets. John Hansen & some of the others said hello. Since it was abt. 5:30 P.M. told them I'd be back tomorrow.

B got call from Felicia. I'm to call her after the show.

B got call from Michael Gray. I'm to call Dave Dubosky @ "Hasbro" in connection w. getting DOMINATION back.

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Call from Bill Riva; back in the U.S. Mainly just to let me know. At "Schmidt Spiel" he got 4 copies of BAZAAR; he asked if I'd like them; I'd appreciate 2 of them. Took his number, just in case - ((570-9232)). I asked, and he called Felicia.

Rcd. May '87 PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following. "News" on "West End Games" adding SCARED STIFFS, THE PRICE OF FREEDOM, Gamemaster Pack, YOUR OWN PRIVATE IDAHO, FIRE TEAM: MODERN SQUAD-LEVEL COMBAT, WESTERN FRONT TANK LEADER; Pc. on "Pressman's" LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS; Ad by "The Games Gang" - w. picture of all the "gang" - & PICTIONARY. Artica on "Game makers stick to fundamentals": Eugene Murtha, "Coleco/S&P", SCRABBL PARCHEESI; George Ditomassi, "MB", TRIVIAL PURSUIT, A QUESTION OF SCRUPLE THUNDER ROAD, TORPEDO RUN, T.H.I.N.G.S.; James Pressman, WIN BY A NOSE, LET'S GO FISHIN'; Nick Clementi, "Western Publ."; WHEEL OF FORTUNE (Pressman); CHANCE OF A LIFETIME, "Cardinal", Bonnie Berger; "Lynda Thomas", "Decipher Inc.", HOW TO HOST A MURDER; Bob Moog, "University Games", CLUE, THE MURDER MYSTERY PARTY DELUXE; MURDER MYSTERY PARTY; "Broderbund Software", PERSONAL PREFERENCE; "The Games Gang", PICTIONARY; Rob Angel, Tom McGuir Rick Farrell, "Hoyle Products"; "Western Publ.", OUTBURST, SOLARQUEST; THWART, Tom Meisenheimer, "Patomike"; Pictures of ELVIS (S. Alden), TWENTY QUESTIONS (University Games), DINOBONES (Warren Co.), LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH & FAMOUS, RAPPORT (Rapport Enterprises), WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW (MB), SUE FOR A MILLION (Lauma Games), FUN CITY (P.), FAT CHANCE (Treyco), TRIVIAL PURSUIT (S&R), PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES (Eagle Enterprises), THE DICTIONARY GAME (David Grabowski), GENERATIONS (Genealogy for Fun), WINNING WORDS (The Games Gang), THE BRAIN GAME (Decipher), SUN SIGNS AND WITCH HAZEL (Ikvan Games), TRAVEL BUFF (CBE), TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games). Ad by "Carrom Games by Merdel" for CARROM GAMEBOARD, KIK-IT SOCCER, & others. "Product News"; PLAY IT AGAIN JUKE BOX (Mark Bonk); CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING & WORLD GAMES (Epyx Software); U.S.A. TRIVIA (Boynton Games); GRAM-R-FUN (V.I.P. Games); HOT AND COLD (Orda Industries); TRAX (Prestige Games) - but this is out of date; TRIVIAL PYRAMID (JMBL Corp.). Pc. on "Youth fatally shot playing laser-gun tag." Ad for TRAVEL AMERICA (Travel Games, Inc.). "News" on "Go Images" w. THE PUZZLER - a series of 3 puzzles: NOVICE, CHALLENGER, & AVENGER. "Classified" ad for MYDI!, KING'S COURT, & HOME LAND. Ads for GRAM-R-FUN (V.I.P. Games, Inc.) & U.S.A. TRIVIA (Boynton Games).

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (89 - May). Reviews: ROGUE TROOPER Boardgame; TRAVELLER 2300 RPG; SLAUGHTER MARGIN - a JUDGE DREDD Supplement; ARMADA Fantasy Board Game (Jeux Descartes). Various WARHAMMER mat'l. Ad for FIRELAND - the Fantasy role playing game. Ad for CHAINSAW WARRIOR. Ad for JUDGE DREDD [redacted] ROLE-PLAYING GAME & SLAUGHTER MARGIN. Ad by "I.C.E." for SPACE MASTER RPG. Ad for GHOSTBUSTERS; SCARED STIFFS, GHOST TOASTIES, HOT RODS OF THE GODS. Ad for RUNEQUEST.

Grave Marylin's Mikie copies of Apr./May & June/July GAMES.

Visit from Laurences, Phil and I played TAKEOVER. He won by "debts" and we both had very little money. (I'll have to make some changes.)

Rcd. contracts from GAMES for STRANDED review.

w. BB to block sale in Yonkers. Bought MAGNE-TOWER (Lillian Vernon) (25¢).

From NEWS clipped column on "Mindscape's" SINBAD AND THE THRONE OF THE FALCON, w. a mention of their DEFENDER OF THE CROWN.

laying w. MAGNE-TOWER. The 20 metal pcs. can fairly easily all be placed. I came up w. the rule that only the first 5 can even touch the magnet.

y mistake eradicated 1 hr. from the middle of the tape w. Bryan Mattimore. Fortunately there is still abt. an hr. remaining.

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Met Mark Setteducati. He also finds it hard to place games now. He told me that Ivan Moskovitch has 4 cardboard items showing @ "Buki Toys," (I'll go there tomorrow.) He'll call to set up a date for him & Bob Fuhrer to set up a visit here.
Mattel Industries, Inc. No new games. Said hello to Manny Lefkowitz.
Carl Eisenberg's name is not listed (??).
U.S. Games Systems, Inc. Didn't stop.
Koplow/Toler. Said hello to James Koplow. Carol Monica there and we talked a little. She said she has a new game, TRAVERSE - and she'll send me one. Invited her to see the collection when she has some time. Asked for her card, and she gave me a balloon: THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY
1105 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge (617-492-0711)
Mag-Nif, Inc. Didn't stop.
Professional Games. Passed by. Still selling MEDICAL MONOPOLY & ATTORNEY POWER.
International Playthings, Inc. Spoke to Marty Redman. Told her that I hadn't rcd. ~~[illegible]~~ HEADS AND TAILS; ~~[illegible]~~ she thought that she had sent it, that she would get it to me. She said that their adult games were selling well & they are looking to expand the line; I said that I wished that METROPOLIS had English rules; they are thinking of doing it. AGOG came up; she doesn't have a copy & I'll send her one.
Arjeu. Took ad sheet of their wooden puzzles.
Toyle Products. Spoke to Rick Farrell & took his card. He'll see that Penny Gill sends me the items she promised. I asked, and the one to talk to abt. submitting a GAME is Jerry Palmer ((612-293-7052)). Came back to specify that I certainly wasn't complaining abt. Gill. Farrell not there & spoke to Stu Lehman; he gave me copies of CRIME BUSTERS (vol 1, 2, 3). (and said that if Gill sends them to me it's no problem).
The Games Gang. Spoke to Kevin McNulty & took his card. Asked for SUDZ, FAST FAX, WINNING WORDS, THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE. Later came back to ask for TRICKY FINGERS, but he said that they found that they were forced to put too high a price on it; they are trying to get their costs down. Lee Gelber was at the booth, but he seemed only connected w. BOB HOPE GOLFER (Amazon).
The United States Playing Card Co. Spoke to Susan Black and took her card. They have a very attractive new edition of

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Victoria Day (Canada

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To Javits Center for STATIONERY SHOW!

- Decipher. Spoke to Warren Holland. Asked, & he rcd. the package w. REACH, POTA, & A&B; but didn't have time to do anything w. them. Told him that I'd appreciate an answer on REACH ASAP since someone else could be interested in it. We played a game of NO DICE, which he won. Come tomorrow for review copies.
- Monarch Avalon. Spoke to Tom Shaw. They are negotiating w. "Schmidt Spiel" that they either do more w. ACQUIRE or they'll look for someone else - since "P." of Germany is interested. ACQUIRE is doing the best of all the "Leisure Time" games; also better than the war games; but the sports games do better. I asked, and they have no interest in MACARTHUR. I described DOSSIER to him & he'll check w. Don Greenwood as to whether there is interest in seeing it. Told Tom I rcd. 2 copies ea. of TV WARS & QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE, that I brought one of eq. to GAMES. He said he'd send me KNIGHTS OF THE AIR, altho it is hard core. Jackson Dott & Eric Dott said hello (& Eric was quite friendly).
- Buki Toys USA Ltd. Charles Reidel was there, across the aisle. But he had left for the day when I finished talking to Tom. Took Mary Ann Lombard's card
- Booth 3968; Lombard Marketing. Took copy of BOMB, one of 4 "Bepuzzled" jigsaws/mysteries. This and the other 3 titles: MURDER MOST ARTFUL, THE EMERALD SPY, & DEATH BY DIET will be sent to Scott Manley. Took ad sheet
- Booth 3852; Direct Mail Distributors. Saw prototype of a KAPOOTSKI - a game abt. U.S.A./Russia. Came back to talk w. George Phillips. He'll call me when the game is ready - took my number.
- Just Games. Spoke to Ron DeVries. He was showing OVER THE HILL & NAUTICAL PURSUIT (The Dock Box Ltd.) - took sheet on this; these are not his, but he'll ask them to send me copies. Also on display - I BET I KNOW, but only a prototype. Spoke a little abt. business & his PAGO PAGO is doing O.K. - also his detective games.
- Met Garry Donner. Have note on MONAD, but can't remember context. He mentioned something abt. SQUARE MILE & PRIZE PROPERTY being same game. We both agreed that placing games is getting harder.
- Marino Group. Spoke to Robert Gibbons & took his card; also said hello to Charles Marino. Took card from Mary McKenzie of "Marzip, Inc." and she'll send me copy of their RESPONSE!. Took card from Don Rheem of "Scotfield Games" and he'll send me copy of their CLOUT! - expect it soon. Took card from Yvonne Liu of "Perceptive Marketing, Inc. - we spoke abt. her MEGA-RAIDER & my finding that a player who falls behind has no way of catching up - not so she said. Took cards from David Williams & Robert Harwood of "Innotoy, Inc." - got copy of their PUZZLE STRUGGLE from Warren Cole on 2/12. Have note "WORDPLAY" - will send rules (??). Took card from Eric Fishman of "Travel Games, Inc." and spoke abt. his TRAVEL AMERICA; he showed me a prototype of a version to play in a car and I gave him a few suggestions. Have card from Guido Auzins of "Rye-Tech Enterprises Ltd." w. COLLEGE MANIA (??). Was given copy of TRIP 50 (Pal Productions, Inc) - was told that their WORLD 7 is basically the same game. Took "Press kit" on "Marino Group" w. info on RESPONSE!, CLOUT!, ALPHA CARDS, WAFFLING, MEGIDDO, TRAVEL AMERICA, POLICE PURSUIT, PUZZLE STRUGGLE, MEGA-RAIDER.
- Baekgaard Ltd. CHEKIT on display there, but not Tom Morley. Asked the to say "Hello" for me.

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To Javits Center for STATIONERY SHOW.

- Press room. Had lunch w. Donald Rheem, the publisher of CLOUT. He is also a stringer for THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. Told him abt. my collection and gave him repro of "Guru" article.
- John N. Hansen Co. Was told to give their name & address if I get a review of ULTIMATUM or any of the others. Took copy of OVER THE HILL (The Game Works, Inc.); 19TH HOLE GOLF (19th Hole Golf); FOOTBALL DICE (Game Creations, Inc.); TENNIS DICE (Game Creations, Inc.). Looked at FOOTBALL FEVER (Football Fever Inc.) - asked for copy & told them I was sure I could get into GAMES 100; took ad sheet on it. Asked for copy of WILDCATTER (JC Productions) and they said they'd send me one. Spoke to Bob Moog of "University Games": he'll send me copies of TWENTY QUESTIONS (played a little of this) & ALVA. Spoke to [redacted] Russell Miller of "Ram Innovations Inc." and took his card; he'll send me new rules for TYCOON: THE REAL ESTATE GAME.
- Cardinal Industries. Passed by, but didn't stop.
- Booth 7012; European Toy Collection. Spoke to Mel Brown and took his DOMINEW game & MAGIC RINGS puzzle; also a sheet. He'll send them to Scott Manley.
- GO Images, Inc. Spoke to Karen Ellefson abt. her THE PUZZLER, and took another ad sheet. She wasn't aware of the article on THE AVENGER in GAMES.
- Booth 7355; Amuse Inc. Spoke to Stewart Lamle. Played a little POKER w. him & Lauren, w. the ZEUS cards - I won. The rules for all the ZEUS games are almost ready. Expect them soon. Took shts. on I-QUBE & ZEUS.
- Baron/Scott Ent., Inc. Took catalog. Stds. except for CROSSCUBES, MINIATURE GOLF ATTACHE GAME, CYCLONE (Air Hockey), MIND YOUR MANNERS. (Didn't stop.)
- Buki Toys USA Ltd. Went back there. Charles Reidel not there, but he left his number for me to call him ((201-837-3120)).
- Decipher. Took a "Press Kit" w. a lot of repros of articles, etc. (Put it w. catalogs, etc. from TOY FAIR.) Took copies of NO DICE, TELLING LIES, INK BLOTZ, & THE BRAIN GAME. He'll send me THE NEXT WORD & NUMBER QUEST when ready.

From "MB/Hasbro" rcd. check for $22.32. For DOMINATION in Brazil, 1st quart. '87.

BB got call from [redacted] Sylvia Bailen, in answer to message BB left on her machine. Spoke for a few minutes & then Sylvia got another call.

Call from Herb Levy. They will come here on 5/29. He was surprised that STATIONERY SHOW was last wk.; he thought it was early in June. (But see 5/27.)

20 Wednesday

May 1987

Mecklenburg Day (N.C.)

140/225

W. BB & Annette to [redacted] "St. James the Less." Bought the following for $1.00 each: MUSIC GAME (RDM Educational, Inc.); TREASURY OF WORD GAMES (Waddingtons); DOCTOR, DOCTOR! (Ideal) - "Medical Charts" missing; 4TH DIMENSION (TSR Games); THE WATERGATE SCANDAL (American Symbolic Corp.) - dupl. For [redacted]25¢ bought JOTTO (Jotto Corp.). For $1.00 bought STACKING STICKS (Paragon Reiss) not a game & bag of letters. Bought AHA! INSIGHT (75¢); MY BEST PUZZLES IN LOGIC AND REASONING (25¢). (Later found I have a copy of DOCTOR, DOCTOR!.)

Called Dave Dubosky at "Hasbro." He said I must be a mind reader; he has the notice to write to me abt. DOMINATION on the top of his pile. I should get the letter releasing it in a few days. ((401-727-5800))

Rcd. new rules for THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR; w. covering letter from Paul Fucille.

Thursday 21 May 1987

141/224

Signed & sent in the contract for STRANDED • review.

Rcd. letter from Wayne Schmittberger • { 17 Beechcroft Drive
Repro of "CHESS Variant Design" - { East Windsor, NJ 08520
w. rules & development of his WILDEBEEST CHESS • (in Games from Games holder).

In connection w. talking to Russell Miller • on 5/19, looked for the copy of TYCOON (: NEW YORK'S REAL ESTATE GAME) • (RAM Innovations) - but couldn't find it.

Called Felicia • to tell her that she didn't miss anything at STATIONERY SHOW; she still wants to take us to restaurant on City Island; we'll set a date soon. Maria Riva • is going w. her to the doctor tomorrow. Maria says that Bill Riva • is feeling better, Felicia and I agreed he sounded good on the phone.

Called Robin King •. We made the "Mensa" meeting here on 6/14 definite. She'll spread the word. She spoke to Bob Abbott • abt. going to his summer place on 5/24, and he "disinvited" her; she was insulted.

22 Friday

May 1987

(Cont. from 5/23) [5/23] National Maritime Day

142/223

Rcd. another dupl. copy of June/July '87 GAMES.

called Paul Fucillo to tell him I rcd. new rules for WAY OF THE WARRIOR, THE and that they are much better now. I'll try for a review, and getting into GAMES 100 should be pretty sure. He asked, and I rcd. the metal pcs. and thanked him. Only 200 (or possibly it was 300) sets of metal pcs. were made. I asked, and he will make the new cardboard pcs. somewhat thicker than those he sent me, but not as thick as the original cardboard pcs.

Call from Rick Brown abt. his TRAILER TRUCKIN'. Told him that I liked the way it played; that I'd try for a review; and that GAMES 100 is pretty sure. He asked abt. having it being taken over by a game co. and I said that it just isn't jazzy enough as a theme - which is much more important than how well it plays. He asked advice on selling it on his own and I suggested the possibility of contacting a rep, such as "John N. Hansen", since he is on the west coast.

Call from Jack Gurner, who looked me up in the telephone book. He lives in "Co-op City" ((100-24 Dekruif Pl., Bronx, NY 10475)) ((671-9158)). His daughter is doing a project on old games and is desperate for a copy of SENET. Told him I'd check & to call me back. Spent a lot of time looking and finally found the dupl. copy of "A's" SENET that I bought on 6/22/80. Changed some parts w. my original copy.

Call from Gurner, and he came right over. He said he had some games and I said I'd rather trade. But he gave me $10 (the price I quoted) - to be refunded if we trade. He asked if I had any other info and I found the article on SENET in one of the first issues of GAMES; located a dupl. copy and loaned it to him. He brought along info on a game called GOPS, but I found it in the 5x3 card file.

Call from Gurner. Some of the games he has: GOING! GOING! GONE! - have it; JEOPARDY - not interested in TV games; PROBE - have it; PRO BASKETBALL STRATEGY (Oscar Robertson's) - have (see 12/4/82). - this is by "Research Games."

[Actually all of above occurred tomorrow]

Saturday 23

May 1987

24 Sunday

May 1987

Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Morse Telegraph Message 1844
144/221

At Dale's called Mel Bush to ask abt. my "Keough" forms. He hasn't gotten to them yet - but there is plenty of time. I suggested getting together but he put it off. Called Charles Reidel. He said that he had been trying to contact me, but didn't seem to have the right no. - gave it to him, just in case. At TOY FAIR he spoke to Janet Kerger, who is from the gift shop at the SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM, abt. my collection. She suggested that I contact Karl Schaele (202-357-2745) who is the head of the "Section of American History."

At ~~The Peddler's Market~~ "Child World" bought PAC-MAN PUZZLE ($4 (99¢) and DOMINO RUMMY (Cadaco) ($1.99). At "Rock Bottom" bought 4 sheets of thin white cardboard (35¢ each). At "Sav-a-Lot" looked @ FOOTBALL PLAYER'S FOOTBALL (Stephens Enterprises) again, but still didn't buy.

Monday 25

Memorial (Decoration) Day

145/220

May 1987

BB found article on Jerry Slocum in Apr./May '87 MODERN MATURITY: PUZZLES OLD AND NEW: HOW TO MAKE AND SOLVE THEM mentioned. (In '87 misc. folder.)

Call from Ken Viskocil (see 3/28). Told him I read his CHESS SPORTS and liked the games, particularly CHESS HOCKEY. But that Wayne Schmittberger felt that they were too complex for GAMES mag. He asked for other possibilities & I told him abt. WORLD GAME REVIEW. He'd like to make some money on the games, but since that seems unlikely he'd at least like to see it published.

26 Tuesday

May 1987

In STATIONERY SHOW directory noticed Manny Lefkowitz listed at head of "Kleer-Vu Plastics Corp." - Booth 3309.

Call from Felicia. Set date to go to City Island for 6/9 - tentative depending on weather. She invited Pam Formato to come w. us, but she is quite busy.

Rcd. S&T #111 - and my sticker says "Expires-Issue 995." Ad for AIR SUPERIORITY (GDW). Ad for POWER ("THE GAME"); Monte Young quotes Herb Levy in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT & Burt Hochberg in GAMES; altho it was my review. "Outgoing Mail" tells of plans for THE WARGAMER & S&T; upcoming games in S&T: #112 - PATTON GOES TO WAR, #113 - NAPOLEON AND THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES: THE BATTLE OF ABENSBURG, #114 - NAPOLEON AND THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES: THE BATTLE OF ECKMÜHL, #115 - KANEV; #116 - MANCHU, #117 - NORTH GERMAN PLAIN, #118 - IRON CROSS, #119 - THE HORSE SOLDIERS, #120 - NICARAGUA. KOREA: THE MOBILE WAR - by David Ritchie - complete game. Ad by "West End Games" for FIRE TEAM & AIR & ARMOR. Ad by "Clash of Arms Games" for THE LAST VICTORY. Ad by "GDW" for TRAVELLER 2300. Ad for GAMERS ALLIANCE/GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT. Richard Berg's reviews: [redacted] 2ND FLEET (Victory Games); Mag. edition of NAPOLEON AND THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES: THE BATTLE OF ASPERN-ESSLING (3W Inc.); MALAYA & BURMA (Hobby Japan Co., Ltd./Quarterdeck Games); CHICKAMAUGA (West End Games). "Computer Conflict": COLONIAL CONQUEST (SSI); LORDS OF CONQUEST (Electronic Arts). "Moves/Replys" & Errata for TARGET LIBYA (from S&T #109). "Moves/variant" for SNIPER (TSR). Ad by "SSI" for WARSHIP, BATTLECRUISER, & WAR IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. Ad by "Victory Games" for THE KOREAN WAR. Ad for GAMERS ALLIANCE.

Called Claude. Invited him for "Mensa" meeting on 6/14. I asked, and he hasn't heard anything from Jürgen Hagadorn. Agreed that he'll have Raymond Soucie write & I'll write too. Told him abt. SPIELBOX, etc.

Call from Paul Jaruska. He'd like to get together to talk abt. my working on some of his games. Set date for him to come here on 6/2, abt. 2PM. He is advertising on "FNN" cabel network; he will give me the time so I can catch it at Ronnie Corn's.

Tried one of the YOMEGA yo-yos - couldn't get it to stay down.

Call from Warren Holland. He likes REACH a lot, but wonders how to publicise it. He was thinking of printing the set on paper as give-aways, for people to cut out and try. I suggested just 12 pcs. on light cardboard so that people can try the puzzle - and be informed abt. the game. He asked abt. CONTINUO, but I couldn't remember how it went; I'll find it and call him tomorrow.
Looking for CONTINUO, while worrying that I might have unknowingly stolen something from it. Finally found copy I rcd. in '82. It is by "Hiron Games Ltd." & it is not like REACH.

Wednesday 27

New Moon

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alled Bob Abbott. Asked, and he knows abt. EPAMINONDAS by "Hexagames"- and gets very small royalty checks. Told him abt. "Mensa" meeting here on 6/14. He'll check w. Bob Wittrock abt. coming. He asked if Robin King was insulted by him; yes, at being uninvited ~~last~~ for last Sunday; he didn't think it had been a real invite; told him he should come here to make it up w. her. He was disappointed at seeing the book MINIATURE GOLF in "Gamebits" in the June/July GAMES, since he has been working on one on the subject.

sweepstakes

Rcd. more info on a promotion for QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE (A.H.). Discarded.

alled Warren Holland and I described CONTINUO to him. He said that he never thought that REACH was based on it; just that he was interested in it as being similar in its ~~[illegible]~~ equipt. He'll keep studying the possibility of publishing REACH.

ed. Express" package from "A.H." w. BRITANNIA - I rcd. the "Gibsons Games" ed. it in on 8/25/86; KNIGHTS OF THE AIR; CLASSIC STATIS PRO BASEBALL. Also included: Ad sheets for "AH" & for "Victory Games" (added to previous mat'l. for this yr.); Booklet on "Silver Jubilee: Avalon Hill's First 25 Years in Review" (in "AH" folder).

.P.S." package ~~from~~ from "Hoyle" w. GALAXY COMMAND & RAISE THE TITANIC; spent some time putting them together.

alled Herb Levy. Told him I didn't have a copy of DECLINE AND FALL (Ariel) - he'll bring his dupl. to trade. On 6/7 he will be going to the "Variety Show" at "Jarits Center," Gave him address for DOMINEW. ooked at SPACE DICE (Present Games Ltd.). Trivial - you win immediately if you get the same no. on all 4 die - etc. Also the rules are horribly written.

~~While looking for something else discard~~ Rcd. sample copy of ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCEFICTION mag. (July '87), Clipped "Gaming" by Matthew Costello: "Simon & Schuster Software" - THE PROMETHEAN PROPHECY, w. mention of their ROBAYASHI ALTERNATIVE. (Gave mag. to Phil Laurence.)

28 Thursday

May 1987

Ascension Day

148/217

Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (June '87 - Vol. 8 No. 6). Reviews of 3 "Drawing Softwares."

While looking for something else came across info that I got complete info on TRAVERSE (Glacier Games Co.) on 4/24.

Rcd. package w. HEADS AND TAILS (Ravensburger), from Martine Redman.

John F. Kennedy
born 1917
149/216

Friday 29 May 1987

Called Felicia to call off our date for 6/9 – BB's jury duty starting 6/8. I'll call to set a new date as soon as BB is free.

Rcd. THE GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 4). Ad for KNIGHTS OF THE AIR; for TV WARS; Articles on EMPIRES IN ARMS, Articles on WAR AND PEACE. Article on WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN. Ad for THUNDER OVER DARKHORN computer game. FATE OF EMPIRE a solitaire variant for STELLAR CONQUEST. Article on NAPOLEON. Article on YELLOWSTONE. Article on THIRD REICH. Ad by "Victory Games" for THE KOREAN WAR; Ad for BEYOND VALOR, YANKS, & PARATROOPER – modules for ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER.

Rcd. revised copy of KNEXT w. covering letter from Jim Smith. He sent a copy to Scott Manley.

Called Barry Schwartz & asked abt. the "Pressman" games he had promised me on 2/12. THERAPY THE GAME & THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME are ready & he'll send them out. LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS is not ready yet and he's not sure abt. BINGO BANDIT.

Call fran Felicia. In connection w. a pc. on TV abt. "Donald Trump" they mentioned and quickly showed a game called CORPORATE TAKEOVER. She asked if I knew it – couldn't find anything on it.

Visit from Lynn & Herb Levy. He brought his dupl. copy of "Ariel's" DECLINE AND FALL; He took "S.P.I.'s" PRESTAGS' MASTER PACK – which I rcd. on 1/17/77 (I am pretty sure); don't have a dupl. – but do have the individual games – YEOMAN, VIKING, SPARTAN, LEGION & CHARIOT; I asked, and he owes me another non-war GAME as part of the trade. I asked if he ever heard of CORPORATE TAKEOVER – no. Showed him KNEXT and he took the address to write for a copy. Showed him OVER THE HILL, TELLING LIES, THE BRAIN GAME, NO DICE, RAISE THE TITANIC, GALAXY COMMAND – he has adresses for all of these. Gave him address for "Jumbo" & for "Ravensburger" – w. Brigitte Reki's name. In basement he noticed BURKE'S LAW (Transogram) – he has copy without rules & I get him a repro. He looked at S&T #111; he has the ad for GAMER'S ALLIANCE in return for their being allowed to reprint his POWER review; he has rcd. some letters already in answer to his ad. I asked what incentive big cos have for his reviewing their games – he has a no. of staves as members. Played TAKEOVER twice. In 1st played for $120 to win, and it didn't enter into the game at all. In 2nd played for $100 ($25 per debt) and it was extremely close btw. Lynn & me; she also had only 1 debt left. I eliminated the rule that a player's payment for his own franchise was reduced w. a wild throw; kept the rule that a takeover of 10 or more went as taxes – but it actually never came up. Forgot to return SPACE DICE to Herb. Next date on 6/26 – here, since their sitter will be in Isreal in July. I mentioned that I could get a copy of PRO BASKETBALL STRATEGY (Research Games) and he said he'd be interested in it. I suggested trading my dupl. of BAFFLES (Maruca/Chiefton) for his dupl. of INTREPID JOURNEY (Teamwork Entertainment Co.), but after looking at former he wasn't interested.

30 Saturday

May 1987

Memorial Day (some states)

150/215

W. BB to Flea Market in church yard on Boston Post Rd. "Scotch 810 Magic Transparent Tape: ¾" - 2 for $1.00; 1" 3 for $1.00.

Call from Herb Levy. He said that, because of my being so generous w. my time (??), he'd trade INTREPID JOURNEY for RAFFLES; told him that actually neither was really worth having - but why have dupl's. In connection w. CORPORATE TAKEOVER (see yesterday) he has a game TAKEOVER (by an American co. whose name I didn't put down). After call I checked on the info on TAKEOVER I got from Ronnie Corn on 11/15/86 - it was by "Whiteoak Games Ltd." of Canada. Called Herb - out and left info w. sitter.

Visit to Lawrences. Brought June/July GAMES for Jill & July '87 ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCEFICTION for Phil. (Jill came in just as we were leaving.) All of us played around w. some REACH puzzles. I talked Annette into playing TAKEOVER - and she still doesn't like it. At one pt. she had a chance to get rid of a "debt" but this would have given Phil the game by reaching $100, so she couldn't do it. (Later decided to change the rule - if a "takeover" ~~to~~ would cause the player to win, the money goes for taxes.) (Also decided to add a rule that after the board is filled half of all money for any "takeover" goes for taxes.) Phil won w. $100, but I was within one shot of reaching it, BB still had 2 debts. Annette still doesn't like it. Then we played REACH and everybody liked it. I won by getting a 4-sided group of 16.

From NEWS clipped reviews of THE HOBBIT & THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING — computer games by "Addison-Wesley."

Call from Paul Janaka: Very busy, so called off the date Turs. He'll call soon to set up another date. Spoke a little & he told me that he is only intending to have a few more financial GAME's, then going into general games. Told him that I have been doing a lot of designs according to specific requests; like DOORWAYS TO HORROR & DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE. He also asked abt. usual payments and I told him 5% of wholesale - but in the "Doorways" I shared w. the ones w. the original idea. He was interested in GAMES reviews for THE OPTION GAME BOARD, THE BANKING GAME, and THE COMMODITY WAREHOUSE GAME. I asked, and he thinks that he sent review copies to Scott Marley; told him I'd need them too, but no set time given by him for getting them to me. He mentioned that THE OPTION GAME BOARD was simplified from the one I have. Asked abt. his ad on "FNN", but it doesn't run on weekends.

Call from Jack Gurner; w. some more of his games: CENTIPEDE (MB); COMPUTER-RAGE (Creative Computing); SCAVENGER HUNT (MB); MANHUNT (MB); DEAD STOP! (MB); had all except the first, which is for children. Told him I would be interested in PRO BASKETBALL STRATEGY; after some conversation we'll probably trade several old GAMES mags. for it. He'll call abt. coming here.

Called Marvin Silbermintz and invited him here on 6/14; he'll try to make it. Told him that I recommended him to "Mattel." He is thinking abt. going there, but hears that they are not doing well. He is doing a lot of contract work, including a GAME for "Galoob" that was great at the start - but they kept watering it down; others that he couldn't talk abt. (He was just going out so had to cut the conversation short.)

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meeting on 6/14. But told him that I couldn't guarantee how many people would be here and whether they would play SUE FOR A MILLION. Gave him instructions for getting here, and he said that he has been here at least once - for OPTION CHESS (found info in '73).

Called Rich Hanson at "Discovery Toys." Told him that DOMINATION/FOCUS has been returned to me by "Hasbro/MB." He said that the decision on this, as well as -- MAKES ONE, TOTALLY, & PUSHOVER should come in Sept. I asked, and the report on BAYARD was just what they wanted; check should be coming shortly; he'll send another GAME in a few wks. I asked, and I should be getting a report on BAZAAR sales shortly; their 1st quarter runs from Feb thru April.

1 Monday 5/31

June 1987

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Rcd. J&S #45. Ad for MHING (Gogny Goubert). Ad for CHILL (Schmidt France) Ad by a store - "Bon de Commande" [redacted] (? name) for the following computer games: ROADWAR 2000, LES PASSAGERS DU VENT, ALTER EGO, SILENT SERVICE, OPERATION MARKET GARDEN, THE ANCIENT ART OF WAR, SHANGAI, BALANCE OF POWER, Revues: HAVENA (Schmidt); LES AIGLES (Jeux Descartes); TITANIC (Schmidt); LE TAPIS VOLANT (Ravensburger); BAZAAR (Schmidt); LANDSKNECHT (International Team); SPONSOR (Jumbo); MURDER-PARTY (Schmidt International); PARANOIA AIGUE (Jeux Descartes); CORDA (Les éditions Frankh); ULTIMATE GOLF (Gogny Gouhert); EUREKA (I.T.) - by Robert Abbett, w. mention of his ELEUSIS; PLAY BAC (Play Bac); LE JEU DE LA GUERRE (Book by éditions Gérard Lebovici); MONTDRAGON (Schmidt) LES TROIS MOUSQUETAIRES (Dujardin); LE RENJOU (Book by L'impensé Radical); GENERALOWSKY (I.T.) - I think this by Alex Randolph; VAMPO (Schmidt); C'EST PAS D'JEU (Dujardin); ORIENT EXPRESS (Jumbo); TINTIN (Ravensburger); LE CONTRAT IMPOSSIBLE (Dujardin); LE MAH JONG (Book by L'impensé Radical). "Jouez le Grand Jeu" - article on RPGs. "La Merveilleuse Histoire des Jeux" - on cards, DOMINOS, JEU NATIONAL DE CÔTE. Article on SENTINEL (Ubi Soft). "Jeux Pour Micros": LES PASSAGERS DU TEMPS (Ere Informatique); IMPOSSIBLE MISSION (Epyx); SAILING (Activision); BIG BAND (Softhawk); MANHATTAN 95 (Ubi Soft); SUPER HUEY II (Micromania); SHARD OF SPRING (Strategic Simulations Inc.); HITS! (Melbourne House); DAMES 3-D CHAMPION (Cobra Soft); FRAME (Micromania); MISSION ELEVATOR (Micropool); OGRE (Origin Systems); ARCADE-AVENTURE - a collection of ~~SYNDROME~~, LE SYNDROME, L'HÉPISS, MASSACRE À LA TOMATE (Cobrasoft); KRAKOUT (Micromania); LEVIATHAN (Micropool); PROHIBITION (Infogrames). Program for LE PIEGE; for ABSTRAC - by François Pingaud. Complete game - LA HUTTE DES GLACES. Article by François Pingaud w. [redacted] rules for the following: ABSTRAC - by David Parlett; BUTIN - by Sid Sackson (my TAKE IT AWAY); TRENTE-CINQ - by Pingaud; CORNER - Création Editions Ravensburger (mine, of course). Ad for STARSAGA - played on the "Minitel". PLANETE NATALE - a MEGA adventure. Columns on CHESS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BRIDGE, GO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO. Ad for CARCRASM, a "Minitel" game.

Rcd. letter from Donald M. Robbins of "Hasbro" - returning all rights in DOMINATION. One copy to be signed by me & Felicia, and returned to him. (cc: R. Weingartner; M. Meyers.)

Called Felicia and O.K. for BB to stop up there for a signature. Told her that "Discovery Toys" might be interested.

Called Wayne Schmittberger. Asked, & they still aren't sure whether there will be a special "games review" issue, or GAMES 100. Can't seem to get enough ads for the special issue. Asked, and they will probably move to a new office a few blocks to the west of present one. I brought up his WILDEBEEST CHESS and we spoke abt. it a little. NOST is interested in it. Also he is playing 2 mail games of SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES/EXTINCTION CHESS w. Phil Cohen. Invited him to "Mensa" meeting on 6/14 - he doesn't think he'll be able to make it. Scott Marley not in yet; asked to have him call me.

Called Gary Sherbell and invited him to come here for "Mensa"

(cont. on 5/31)

Tuesday 2 June 1987

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cd. letter from Rich Hanson w. check for $50.00 & "thank you" for report on BAYARD (Mosan Products Inc.).

Call from Andy Duncan of the NEWS & RECORD of Greensboro, NC ((919-373-7263)). He got my number from GAMES mag. He is doing an article on an upcoming "AH" game PLATOON, which will actually be based on the movie. He asked if any previous Oscar winning movies had been made into games. Came up w. GONE WITH THE WIND, and he'll call me tomorrow for info on it. Found info on it in '81, but it only used the name for an abstract game.

layed 3 games of TAKEOVER w. BB. 2 were quite close and the 3rd was a bore. Next time I'll try a rule that once the board is filled all "takeover" money goes for taxes.

all from Claude, while we were playing. He has a new idea for LINES OF ACTION: A player may at any time make a "bid" that they can win by making a bid number of moves, continuously, and with a bid number of captures also specified. The other player can outbid by less moves, or less captures, or both, continue bidding until no lower bid is made. If player meets the bid he wins; if not he loses. Told Claude I didn't think I liked it, but I'm certainly willing to try it.

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people like you! Sincerely, S.S.

r Gary Lane put following message in copy of AGOG: To Gary, The great thing with being into games is getting to know intriguing people like you -- Best, S.S.

saw "FAO Schwartz" new store. Not many games there - one that seemed to be featured was ATTORNEY POWER.

yed TAKEOVER w. BB, using the new rule of last night. Seems OK, except that winning by "debts" seems much easier than by "money."

ne folder (rather than booklet) that Bill Riva gave to Felicia contained the following games: THE WINNING HAND / TOP (KD Prazis-ionsspiel); NEAT FIT (Mine); SNAKE PIT; TAKE A WORD (Mine - 2 diff. sizes); PIN (KD); TWO HUNDRED; FOREIGN INTRIGUE (Mine); THE ENDLESS ROAD; HOLD YOUR MARBLES! / KUGEL-KIPP (KD). There are rules for all of these, but not very clear. In our conversation Felicia said that she didn't think any of the games were salable, [redacted] except FOREIGN INTRIGUE and everyone has seen it. I said that some of the German games were good, but they are abstract, which are not "in" now.

3 Wednesday June 1987

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Shabuoth, Feast of Weeks
Jefferson Davis born 1808

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Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Clipped ad for a book by J. Prados - PENTAGON GAMES; WARGAMES AND THE AMERICAN MILITARY; w. 3 complete games - LAST DAYS OF SAIGON; PENTAGON; THE RED GAME. ($8.95)

Call from Andy Duncan. Told him that GONE WITH THE WIND didn't have anything to do w. the plot of the picture.

Call from Felicia. ~~BB~~ Bill Riva gave her a presentation booklet w. pictures of GAMES he is trying to sell, including some of mine. If I'd like to borrow it she'll have BB take it today, Sure.

call from Felicia. BB took the booklet. Felicia enjoyed seeing her, and liked Annette Lawrence. She'll be seeing Bill Riva; should she push him for an accounting of what he owes us? I suggested that she ~~said~~ say we're ready to go over the books when he is, and she agreed. Explained the situation w. the DOMINATION money, ~~[illegible]~~ etc. to her again. She signed the return letters.

Call from Felicia. Wendy Wenger & Gary Gates - clients from Harrisburg PA are bringing in a word game - CLICK for her to look at on 6/24, and she'd like me to be there - sure. Come abt. 11 A.M. She'll send down for lunch.

Rcd. "U.P.S." package w. "Pressman's" THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME & THERAPY THE GAME. Note from "Celeste Games" (I am pretty sure): "May 29, 1987 Dear Mr. Sackson: Barry (Schwartz) asked me to send these along to you. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please let us know. Sincerely," (discarded).

Call from Mike Gray, to confirm his visit on 6/7. He will bring me JITTERS & FORTRESS AMERICA. Getting things is not that easy for him, so didn't ask for anything else. He said he'd like the changes in the BAZAAR rules; he has the "Schmidt" version; told him I have one of the "Discovery Toys" for him. Told him that the DOMINATION return has been taken care of. He said that he is trying to talk the top brass @ "MB" into negotiating to get ACQUIRE from "AH." I asked, and SHOGUN is by him; it is not ready yet; only prototypes will be at ORIGINS.

Call from someone at "Lawrence Gordon Productions" @ "20th Century Fox": He got my number from Lou Zocchi. Gordon is looking for ALL-STAR BASEBALL, which he said was by "AH" some ten yrs. ago. Told the guy to call me back in half an hour. Found that "AH" never had anything of this name; that it is by "Cadaco" and it is in the '86 catalog (don't have the '87). Also that I have an incomplete dupl. Told him when he called, and described the "Cadaco" game to him. Told him I'd like to hear whether this is the game that Gordon is looking for.

For Martine Redman put following message in copy of AGON: To Martine, The great thing with being into games is getting to know wonderful

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Thursday 4

First Quarter
155/210

June 1987

Rcd. check for $5198.55 from "Pressman" for 1st quarter on DOORWAYS --. DOORWAYS TO HORROR was figured on 1% instead of 1.5%. Called Murray Hellman, and he'll send me a check for the difference.

Rcd. [redacted] royalty report from "Discovery Toys" for BAZAAR for Feb. thru Apr. Only $580.20 of the $2,000 advance made up.

Rcd. letter from Joseph Callero w. questions on his CAMPAIGN (Family Affair Game Co.). He enclosed 6 colored plastic animals to replace the markers.

Sent one copy of the DOMINATION return letter to Donald Robbins; put the other in "MB" folder.

Mailed the copies of AGOG to Martine Redman ($.94¢) and to Gary Lane ($1.76).

Called Robin King to speak abt. "Mensa" meeting on 6/14. She is in touch w a few people, but doesn't know who will be coming. She did speak to Bob Wittrock but didn't get a definite answer.
Called Bob Wittrock, and he is going to Bob Abbott's summer place. I said we probably wouldn't see him for the summer, & he didn't say no.

Played TAKEOVER w. BB, W. 9 "debts" and $180, but changed it to $225. The problem was that whoever was ahead just couldn't be stopped. Trying to think of some solutions, but couldn't come up w. anything.

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a color the player w. most points of that color wins - W. tie the player moving in wins, even if not among those tying. I suggested playing to a point total, but Ronnie wants to keep it simple for swingin.
Played TAKEOVER twice, w. rule that once board is filled any "takeover" payment over $9 goes to bank for "taxes"; in ~~one~~ game Ronnie had all his markers down and couldn't play for abt. 5 times; he complained & I said I'd up the number of markers; he also complained abt. the "anti-trust" rule but I wouldn't give it up. I also had REACH and we all worked on the puzzles, but didn't play the game.
At the sale Ronnie bought STRATEGY (Cadaco Game Co.) - which was a find.
Set next date on 7/18.

5 Friday

June 1987

Call from Felicia. She is going to be seeing Bill Riva. Should she bring up what he owes us. I suggested that she let him bring it up; if he does let's all get together and balance it out.

Called GAMES and spoke to Scott Marley. He said that Wayne did tell him to call me and was going to do so today. (Actually I called another time & spoke to Mike Shunk; invited him to "Mensa" meeting on 6/14, but there is some kind of event scheduled then.) Invited Scott to "Mensa" but he is going to the event. I asked if any games came in for me: there is a small package from "Derby Town Games Inc."; also a letter from Eric Berman. They rcd. some "MB" games: WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW they like; THUNDER ROAD - they think it's dumb; JITTERS - will be in Aug./Sept. issue, which he is just finishing up. My STRANDED has been squeezed out, but there may be room for 2 of mine in Oct./Nov. They rcd. 'Pressman's' THERAPY THE GAME and he doesn't care for it; I said that I enjoyed it. He rcd. ULTIMATUM, it looks good, and I'll probably review it. He asked abt. ENERGY BARON - told him that the play was o.k., but the tiny pcs. were so unpleasant that we stopped playing. I spoke abt. going there soon; they have a game-playing session roughly every other Thurs., from 6 to 9:30 P.M.; I may try to sit in for part of one; next is on 6/18.

Message on machine from Eric Goldberg, and I called him. Lee Gelber has joined "West End Games" as Sales Manager. He wants to move into "general" games and they will probably be doing IT'S A DEAL. He also intends to set up a date for him, Doug Kaufman, and Lee to come here to look at items - especially for those that Lee feels comfortable in pushing. I asked abt. the political GAME he previously spoke abt. my doing; he now agrees w. my comment that political games are only good every 4 yrs. He transferred me to Doug, who had some questions on CAN'T STOP, which they have been playing & enjoying. Actually he heard that there were some changes. Told him abt. the "jumping" and the greater no. to win w. 3 or 2 players. Also told him that it has been stopped by "P."; he said they might be interested in doing it. Eric said that he would definitely be calling me on 6/10.

Call from Felicia. The main thing that Bill Riva wanted to talk abt. were his problems w. Mavia. Felicia did try to discourage him from making trips to try to sell the games in the folder, but he is going to some kind of a show in Chicago.

Played some more TAKEOVER w. BB. (Can't remember details.)

(Cont. from 6/11) [6/11]

In talk w. Eamon Bloomfield he asked if anything good had come out here - told him a few, but I'd have to write to him abt. them. Sent my regards to Derek Carver - who is on vacation in Tuscany for a month. Eamon included 3 pictures of his kids.

6/4

Saturday 6

June 1987

157/208

Rcd. letter from Jerome Richard, who interviewed me last year for THE BEST REPORT. Enclosed repro of the article, including reviews of the following games: OUT OF CONTEXT (Hersch & Co./Western Publ. Co.); PICTIONARY (the Games Group - should be "Gang"); THE BOTTOM LINE (Maruca); BAFFLES (Maruca); POWER BARONS (~~Maruca~~ MB); CRIME SOLVERS (Maruca); SCALA (Skill Games); TAKE A LETTER (Rainbow Games); WARRIOR KNIGHTS (Games Workshop); RAILWAY RIVALS (Games Workshop); STAK ATTACK (R Third Corp.). Ian McDermott - senior buyer for F.A.O. Schwarz, me, & Burt Hochberg are the "games experts."

To Audrey & Ronnie Corn. Brought him BABELATION dupl. of 1/14/80. At a senior citizen sale bought the following for $1.00 (and I didn't take 10¢ in change): AGGRAVATION (Lakeside) - kept only the marbles, w. one yellow missing; STAR WARS ESCAPE FROM DEATH STAR GAME, ALIEN GAME (Both by Kenner) - both dupl's. & w. parts missing - box of ALIEN GAME busted, so added parts to other game; WELCOME BACK, KOTTER (Ideal) - dupl. - parts missing; ~~[illegible]~~ PAC-MAN (CARD GAME) (MB); 3-DIMENSIONAL CHESS (Ever-Lite Co.) - some support parts missing, but works O.K. At garage sale bought: HOO-DOO (Tryne) (5¢) - dupl. - one red peg missing; CANDY LAND BINGO (MB) (25¢) - for Bryan & Stephie. Ned Strongin told Ronnie that CRIME SOLVERS is not moving at all in U.S. - but Ronnie pointed out that "Maruca" isn't doing a thing to promote them; "P." is doing very well w. MONOPOLY - the tie-in w. "McDonald's" helping; "P." has dvorped PERCEPTION; ~~[illegible]~~ "P's" PIZZA PARTY was invented by a young fellow in Strongin's office; Phil Orbanes liked the play of SPONSOR, but not the way "Jumbo" did the board (is it being considered?); "P." said that Ronnie's ANALYSIS became too personal. Ronnie showed me the "Jumbo" CRIME SOLVERS - each case is sold separately. Ronnie mentioned that someone asked him how to play PISHA-PASHA, and he found it in the English book THE WAY TO PLAY - it is also called PERSIAN-PASHA. Played Ronnie's MUG SHOTS; there are sets of 4 cards showing pictures of 4 "people" - one is labeling "Mug Shot" and the others have names; one is exactly the same as the "Mug Shot" and the other 2 have slight differences; by discussion between the 4 players the object is to determine which person matches; no winners. Also played WHAT'S DIFFERENT?; here one of the 4 cards is different from the other 3 and the object is to determine it. We played Ronnie's EXIT (I mentioned that "MB" had done an EXIT); It is similar to WHERE TO? (see 11/15/86) w. the following changes; the board is the same but the path part is pivoted so that it can be turned in relation to the 4 colored goals; the die has 4 [→] faces and 2 [↻] faces; there is a deck of cards w. nos. 1-2-3-4-5-6 -- 2 each of 4 colors - for a total 48 cards (later thought that another 6 of a "wild" color could be added to bring the deck to 54); Players start w. 5 cards; can use cards totaling 7 or more of any color to turn the arrow pc - either before throwing the die, or after throwing a [→] & moving; w. throw of [↻] player draws a card, and then may use a total of 7 or more to rotate the paths to any position (actually Ronnie allowed one of the cards played on the discard to be picked up); when the pc. reaches

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7 Sunday

June 1987

Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday

158/20

Visit from Michael Gray, his wife Audrea, and daughter Molly - for supper. Brought me JITTERS & FORTRESS AMERICA - by him. He'll also see that I get SHOGUN - also by him. Gave him the "Discovery Toys" BAZAAR. I promised him. He was interested in the parts from the UNIVERSE (P.) set - dupl. of 6/29/85 - who's box I used, and I gave them to him. He mentioned wanting to buy a copy of DOOLITTLE & WAITE, and I gave him one that I rcd. on 4/18/86. Mike is trying to interest David Wilson - who I believe is head of marketing - in taking over ACQUIRE for U.S. & Europe; told Mike abt. HOTEL KÖNIG and abt. "P's" interest. He mentioned (in what connection?) that Cathy Meredith is the project manager for "Family & Adult Games & Puzzles." Showed him the gimmik I used in CLOSING IN and he said that it might be good for "MB", depending on the price of doing it. I mentioned that someone at "MB" told me that the right way to do a game like DOMINATION was to start slow & let it build w. people who really like it; that he'd like to have a separate co. that could handle games that way; after some conversation I realized it was Mike Meyers in one of our phone conversations; Mike said that Meyers couldn't convince the powers that be. Mike said that there are now another 11 people in addition to him developing games in-house. Paul Gruen came up and I showed Mike my SPY, which he agreed was where BIONIC CRISIS came from. I said that I didn't sue so as not to get blackballed, but he said that Gruen once sued "P" and won $100,000, but still kept selling to them. FOOTBALL FEVER came up (why?) and Mike said it was reviewed in GAMES (yes - in '85 I found & and I have repros of info on it). Spoke abt. "Mattel" and how people don't want to go to CA to work for them. Joseph Martin is now out of games. Lavry Harris has joined "Coleco." He talks to them occasionally, and I asked him to remind John Vernon that he owes me a phone call; or I'd like to hear from Lavry Harris or Gene Martha.

Call from Claude; ~~[illegible]~~ to talk abt. "Mensa" meeting next wk. parts. He picked up copies of DUEL (Lakeside) & QUICKSAND (Whitman); have them, so he'll keep for,

Call from Sandy Bevan. She is way behind in what is happening. Filled her in on co. take-overs, and that Laurie Curran had left "P." - but didn't tell her who had taken Laurie's place. Sandy said she is finishing up a massive book of party games and several publishers want it. She said to call her abt. coming to visit her.

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In connection w. 3-DIMENSIONAL CHESS (Ever-Lite Co.) (see 6/6) I remembered my DUEL CHESS (see '69) - did Martin Gardner ever use it?

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Monday 8 June 1987

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Rcd. GAMA NEWS (June '87). Helena Rubinstein is pres. of "The Game Manufacturers Association." Other people I know: Lou Zocchi, Rick Loomis, Dana Lombardy, Howard Barasch, Anne Jaffe, Tom Shaw, Darwin Bromley. (Filed in '87 misc. folder.)

Rcd. check for $832.45 w. covering letter from Murray Hellman - for [redacted] DOORWAYS TO HORROR. (see 6/4).

Rcd. letter from William Glaeser - who got my address from Tom Braunlich. Enclosed drawings of an unnamed PUZZLE - a diff. kind of 3-D maze. Asked if it has been done.

Call from Felicia: More abt. Bill Riva & his troubles w. Maria, etc.

Called Amy Howland. Not around, and asked to have her call me.

Call from Patricia Robb, who got my no. from GAMES (I am pretty sure). She asked if I knew of a game museum in NYC. When I learned that she wanted a place for a press "do" with kids making cakes from a children's cake mix, I suggested that she try THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN. I asked her co. and it was "The Rowland Co." Asked, and she is next office to Howland.

Call from Amy Howland; and she said that Robb didn't speak to her abt. calling. She has been out of town, but Sara Coulter sent out some games. Told her that Scott Marley got some, but I should also have copies. Went over the list of 5/7 and she'll send me copies as they are ready; asked her to let me know when things are on the way.

Played TAKEOVER w. BB. (Don't remember details.)

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to Lee Gelbert; if Lee likes it they'll excercise their option. He got Lee on the line and Lee agreed w. what I had told Eric, that a line is easier to sell; he'd like at least 3. I suggested a word GAME, but Eric said they were working on one w. the publisher of a dictionary; I said don't do another FICTIONARY DICTIONARY & he said it was more like another SCRABBLE. Lee & Doug will probably come here after ORIGINS in July.

alled Bob Grabhorn. Told him I haven't been feeling well, and he said he was afraid of that. Told him I'd get the new board layout for COGNITIVITY to him same time next wk. Then he can call me to discuss the next step.

layed TAKEOVER, 2-hand w. BB and 4-hand by myself. Made the following changes. Each player has 18 markers. Use 4 Debts w. 4 players, 5 Debts w. 3 players, & 6 Debts w. 2 players. Payment for a "takeover" is twice the no. in the group, w. a max. of $10; this is always paid to the player except when he would win, in which case it is paid to the bank. If a player completes more than one "line" he only gets rid of one debt; a player may place two markers to complete 2 lines if he wishes. The balance seemed to work quite well! (Winning w. money is 4 - $100, 3 - $125, 2 - $150.)

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9 Tuesday

June 1987

Call from Felicia - to talk abt. trip to City Island, rather than business.

Rcd. "Change of Address" form, postmarked "Seattle, WA 981" - but the info on old & new address wasn't filled out (!!).

Rcd. "Submittion Kits" from "Decipher, Inc." w. covering letter from Sophia Rocha, asking me to fill these out for REACH, A & B, & POTA. Called Warren Holland to ask some questions abt. the forms. Out to lunch, and asked to have him call me. He did call back abt. 6 P.M. when I was out. Said he'd call Thurs. - but if don't hear from him call Thurs. P.M.

Rcd. package from Eamon Bloomfield (w. close to $20 in postage): GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY GAME (Gibsons Games); MONSTER MASHER (Action GT) - actually a children's game; CASHWORD (Spear's Games); BOOBY TRAP (Action GT) - dupl., but diff. edition; ~~MINDZ (The Mindz Co.)~~ MINDZ (The Mindz Co.) - dupl.

Called "P." and asked to talk to Phil Orbaneş - abt. CAN'T STOP. I said. Chris Campbell called me back. CAN'T STOP could be for '89 if a theme could be found for it - they have been trying without success so far. I suggested trying to be the first to make hi-tech breakthrus. He said they'd have to see it worked out - they will start looking for '89 in Sept. I brought up MY FANTASY and my possibly showing something in the vein of BUMPER CARS; also in Sept. He will try to arrange a visit here in Sept. I said that I'd like to chat w. Phil when he is free; Chris will deliver the message.

Playing around w. TAKEOVER, trying some new ideas: selling back 1, 2, or 3 connected markers - throwing the 10-sided die for the price of 1, the 8-sided die for the price of ea. of 2, the 6-sided die for the price of ea. of 3; collecting money for a line of 5 or more - throwing the 3 diff. dice and multiplying the lowest no. by the no. in the line. None of these worked at all. Played 2-hand w. BB using pretty much the old rules, and by mistake using only 5 Debts; she liked it much better.

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Wednesday 10

June 1987

161/204

Rcd. from David Watts package w. 2 boards for RAIL (alga) and the rules, in Swedish.

Envelope from Jerry Slocum w. covering letter & listing of games he has available for trading: TRICOLOR - by Veli Toukomies; KUGEL-KIPP (KD Prazisisgnspiel); SPICS (KD); IL GIOCO DELL'EX - by "B. Giocattoli - Italy"; PROSPERITY TRANSPORT (H.P. Gibson & Sons, Ltd.); BRITAINS "MINIATURE GARDENING" - by "W. Britain - London"; WHEELING - A GAME FOR CYCLISTS (Jaques & Sons - London); and a few others. Also a listing of the "Puzzles Old and New" Exhibition Tour. Also enclosed the rules for PSYCHE-PATHS that I asked him to return.

Another letter w. repro of a letter from Pekka Peltomäki, a Finnish journalist, to the Editor of GAMES. In answer to "the guru of games" he ~~sent~~ article on Veli Toukomies - "The Overlord of Games." Also included rules for & description of TRICOLOR.

Rcd. June '87 PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following. Full page ad for PICTIONARY (The Games Gang, Ltd.). "Earning report" for a number of cos. Ad by "TSR" for CHEERS, PERRY MASON GAME, CHASE. Ad by "Broderbund Games" for PERSONAL PREFERENCE. "New Products": TRAVEL - now by "The Ungame Co."; CORPORATE PURSUIT (Rachat Inc.); RAE J (Patracuolla) - sent service card; THE LAND DOWN UNDER (S. Alden) - sent service card. Ad by "B.J. Games" for THE 17 IN 1 BOARD GAME SYSTEM. Pc. on THERAPY (Gambit Games - it is now Pressman). Pc. that "Ram Innovations" who do TYCOON - THE REAL ESTATE GAME have moved. Pc. on "Ravensburger's" THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTH. Classified ad for CUP CHALLENGE.

Call from Felicia - her cleaning gal is actually an expert typist - if I hear of any place needing one, let Felicia know - of course.

Call from Felicia. She rcd. a registered letter from an ~~[illegible]~~ air force man who invented a 3-D air battle GAME. "P" and also Tom Shaw recommended him to her, (Did Shaw actually see the game?) She has to call him and wonders what to tell him. Told her that there have been many such games, including KNIGHTS OF THE AIR that "A.H." just published. She'll tell him "no."

Call from Andy Luther of "Aristotle Industries" - who are some kind of a political think tank. He got my no. from GAMES. They have been approached by "TSR" abt. possibly doing an election GAME. He asked what is now ~~[illegible]~~ on the market. The only one I could think of was CAMPAIGN (Family Affair Game Co); also suggested that he try to find copies of "P's" POLITICS & "3M's" MR. PRESIDENT. I told him abt. me in case they need help w. the game play; he didn't seem interested, but he did say that his father had a copy of AGOG.

Called Eric Goldberg fairly late in afternoon; in conference & he called me back. Because of health problems Helena Rubinstein has left as president - and he is pretty much in charge of "West End Games" now. ASAP he will have Doug Kaufman show IT'S A DEAL

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11 Thursday 6/5

June 1987

Full Moon
St. Barnabas
Kamehameha Day (Hawaii)
162/203

Rcd. 2 envelopes on "Keough" from "Dollar Dry Dock." I'll have to call Mel Bush abt. them. (Tried in evening, but no answer.)

Rcd. another sample copy of ANALOG mag. Matthew Costello reviews PORTAL (Activision). Ad by "Steve Jackson Games" for GURPS (GENERIC UNIVERSAL ROLEPLAYING SYSTEM); another ad for CAR WARS.

While looking for something else came across the info on WORLDMASTER from 10/11/86. Added some info from memory. I'll have to ask Rounie Conn for repros of the rules again.

Made a rough layout of a new "board" for CAN'T STOP, using R&D as a tentative title. Made each column one space longer - due to jumping.

Call from Warren Holland. I asked, and he said not to worry abt. the pictures or a box for returning my items; he would like the forms however. He is returning A&B & POTA; he is very interested in doing REACH, if all the details can be worked out. I asked, and he is just ready to send me review copies of THE NEXT WORD & NUMBER QUEST. He expects to be in N.Y.C. in a few wks. & will try to find time for a visit to look at more items. He'll send me a copy of their contract so I can see it I have any objections, in case - -. ($6.99).

Called Eamon Bloomfield to thank him for the package of 6/9. Told him I assumed that his trip to Essen was off. Not at all - the letter in the package tells me abt. it, told him I didn't see the letter - which is in a zip-lock bag w. some rules he said - but I'd look and call him if I can't find it. He has put in for a booth at Essen but is not sure if one will be available. However he knows a German firm w. a large booth that will let him have a space. The organizers suggested his sharing w. Jack Jaffe - not popular with him at all. Told him I'd get games out to him ASAP - early in July should be the cutoff since it will be in Sept. rather than Oct. I asked whether some small parts missing would preclude a game - as long as it is playable he said. He asked for copies of GAMES mag. - the last he rcd. was the one w. article on me (Feb./Mar. '87). His store is moving to larger quarters out of town center.

Found the zip-lock bag in the package, mixed in w. the packing matl. Letter from Eamon suggesting that I find a delivery firm - but we already discussed my sending the games by postal service. Note that he was including some children's games. Ad for MIDDLE-EARTH (Iron Crown Enterprises" - an RPG. Rules for STAPELLAUF (Arbeits Stelle) - German. Rules for KETTENWETTEN (Arbeits Stelle) - German. Rules for SCHNUFF (Ravensburger) - German & an English translation. Rules for SCOUT (Piatnik) - German. Rules for GUTE NACHBARN (Abra Product) by Alex Randolph - German & also English rules for GOOD NEIGHBORS. Rules for GOLDRAUB IN LONDON (ASS) - German & an English translation. Rules for SIMULATOR (Co. ?) - German. Corrected rules for BRITANNIA (H.P. Gibson & Sons Ltd.) - added these to game rcd. on 8/25/86.

Spent some time looking at piles of games & I shouldn't have too much trouble finding some 2 dozen to send.

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163/202

Called main P.O. to get limits in packages to England: 60" long; 108" length + girth; 50#. Surface should take from 4 to 6 wks.

Call from Robin King to talk abt. "Mensa" meeting. It probably won't be very big. Someone may be able to drive her & Claude. Call from Gary Sherbell. Told him that the meeting Sunday will probably be quite small. He wondered if anyone was driving from Manhattan - not that I knew of.

[call back.

Called Mel Bush at office no. Left message w. gal, but he didn't

Called Jerry Slocum abt. 1 A.M. Left message that I'll call tomorrow.

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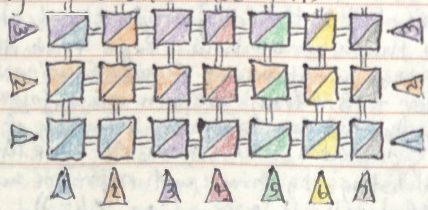
the AGCA convention in Salem - 9/11 to 9/13 - including that Phil Orbanes will make an address. Also rcd. ~~new~~ 1987 Membership List; Darwin Bromley, David Greenwald, ~~Ed~~ Herb Levy, Carol Monica, MUSEUM & ARCHIVE OF GAMES, Bernard Newman (see 3/13/73), Philip Orbanes, George Phillies, THE PLAYING CARD MUSEUM, Susan Adams/Pressman, me, Herb Siegel, Jerry Slocum, Bruce Whitehill. Also an "AGCA 1987 Membership Directory Update" - to be filled out & returned - (which I didn't).

Thinking of a new type of board for TAKEOVER, which - w. further thinking - came out like this



or possibly the spaces can be like this



Call from Rollie Tesh. The co. he is working w. has arranged financing and will be doing the card games, including my ALL FOR ONE. Discussed the contract a little, and I should be getting a copy to sign shortly.

Call from James Khoo, a student @ "Washington State U." He is running some kind of a study where game ideas are evaluated. He asked if I would spend half an hour evaluating TREASURE HUNT. I asked, and he heard abt. me from Tom Atwater. However he is not close w. Tom, altho he knows that he is retired. Told him O.K., but it might take me a while to get around to it.

By coincidence I had been looking for a folder to put the letter from "Hoyle Products" that I rcd. on 5/9. Realized that this correspondence had been placed in Tom Atwater folder. (Put this in '87 Misc.)

13 Saturday

June 1987

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W. BB to sales @ church and homes on & nr. "Grand Blvd." in Scarsdale. At garage sale bought 2 copies of MODERN JETS (ASS) (10¢ each). At church bought "Barrel" PUZZLE & STAY ALIVE (MB) (25¢ for both); ~~also~~ also bought BEYOND WORDS (10¢) - 2 shts. of POE missing. At another garage sale bought PERQUACKY (Lakeside) (50¢) - complete but no unused score sheets. At church bought 2 games for the kids (25¢). Found that 2 marbles were missing from STAY ALIVE, but found replacement in a small drawer; checked "MB Europe" '86 catalog & it is there as HINTERHALT!

Call to ~~Seth~~ Jerry Slocum & left message. He called me back. Told him I'd be interested in trading for SPICS, PROSPERITY TRANSPORT, and possibly TRICOLOR; as we spoke I realized that IL GIOCO DELL'EX was HEX. He'll bring the 3 w. him and I'll see him on 7/26 @ the HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM. I asked how he got repro of the letter to GAMES abt. Veli Toukomies; he knows Pekka Peltomäki thru his puzzle collection.

Called Felicia to tell her that BB's jury duty is over, but there are problems the coming wk. on 6/24 when I am there we'll set a date to go to City Island.

Visit from Laurences. No games.

Rcd. envelope from Bill Riva. Rules - but not really understandable - for BUMP AND SCORE - a card game he thinks is by him. Page from April '87 DAS SPIELZEUG w. pc. on "Hexagames" mentioning Claude Soucie, me, & MONAD / DIE ERSTE MILLION. Letter to Bill from Stephen Hassenfeld - Michael Meyers for games; George Dunsay for toys; Long listing of who saw my TAKE-A-WORD, BEAT FIT, ONE GOOD TURN, FOREIGN INTRIGUE. Various royalty reports, financial listings by him, and repro of one I gave to him (didn't go thru these). ((Actually this came on 6/15.))

Trinity Sunday
American Flag adopted 1777
165/200

Sunday 14
June 1987

From NEWS• clipped the following: full page on ROTISSERIE LEAGUE BASEBALL•, w. book by "Bantam Books" of the same name; review of DISCOVERY• (Microillusions Inc.),

Prepared the submission forms for A&B•, POTA•, & REACH• and also the result postcard for REACH•. (Sent to "Decipher" tomorrow.)
Gary Sherbell• called to say he couldn't make it today.
Picked up Robin King• & Claude• at Co-op City. The 4 of us started a game of TAKEOVER•, but Abbe Bershatsky• came w. her father Sidney soon after and we stopped it. Abbe & Sid brought me a big bunch of games she was getting rid of. Actually she called before to ask if I wanted them; of course, but maybe some other "Mensa" people might like same; she wants me to have them. Abbe mentioned that she likes SLEUTH• and is thinking of buying a copy; gave her a shrink-wrapped one I got from "3M." Abbe, Sidney, Robin, & BB played TAKEOVER• while I played LOA• w. Claude. His new variation works like this: After a player makes a move he can announce a victory in a stated number of moves; The opponent makes a move and then either announces a victory in a lower number of moves or stops playing – leaving the original announcer to try for the victory in the limit; If a new announcement is made the original announcer makes a move and then makes a similar choice; etc. Played 4 times, I believe, and split 2 & 2. I played in a 2nd game of TAKEOVER•, w. Robin playing w. Claude, and Robin then taking over for BB (or something like that). The first was won w. money, w. debts far behind; 2nd was won by debts, w. money quite close. They liked it – but Sidney said it needs a fazzier board. At BB's suggestion she, Robin, Abbe, and Sidney played 4 "moves" each of ANNEX• – Robin being ahead when they stopped. (To restaurant next to Wallbaum's for fancy pizza – I pd. a little more than half – $10 – including Claude's, for his birthday.)
Claude brought me a copy of AX YOUR TAX•(© Barbara Doyle-Carlton) – dupl. – parts not checked; offered to pay, but he said "no."

Call from John Farewell•. He said that the mat'l. he sent (see 5/1) is actually 22 games. I'm to pick out a copy of S&T• that he lists as 2 to 3 games. He said that he got a copy of "Schmidt Spiel's BAZAAR•; told him of the changes in the rules; I'll mail him a repro of the English rules; it will be a little while – but no hurry he said.

Offered Robin King• a chance to take some of Abbe's games, but she ~~said~~ said "no." Bob Abbott• called from N.J. during the meeting; Bob Wittrock• & Debbie there too. I spoke & then Robin took over. He more or less apologized for "uninviting" her and they set up a date at Bob's in N.J. on 8/9.

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Magna Carta signed 1215
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Went over all the games that Abbe Bershatsky brought me yesterday. New items: CONSTELLATION (Copyright 1968 By Helmut Kimpel)-pretty sure I have this game by another name or names, by Kimpel; LITTLE NODDY'S TAXI GAME (P.-'56)-children's, but very interesting equipt.; GET THE MESSAGE (MB). THE GAME OF HOLLYWOOD STARS (Whitman)-dupl., but original box was used for a model. Dupl's.: AS THE WORLD TURNS (P.); SMOG (Urban Systems, Inc.); TRADE WINDS (P.)-parts missing; MASTERPIECE (P.)-1 marker missing; WHY (MB); SWORDS & PLOWSHARES (Center for the Gifted Child Inc.); PERSON-ALYSIS (Lowel Toy Mfg. Corp.); WHITE HOUSE (RGI); MOVIE MOGULS (RGI); JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL (Mattel); CANADIAN CHECKERS (P. Canada)-just CHINESE CHECKERS-many marbles missing; SWAHILI GAME (MB); PERCEPTION (Ideal)-parts missing; THE GREAT AMERICAN AUCTION CARD GAME (Whitman); CHARGE IT! (Whitman). For the kids: THINGS AND PLACES (Pressman); NAMES AND FACES (Pressman); MEET THE PRESIDENTS (S&R); UNCLE JIM'S QUESTION BEE (NBC Blue Net Work); parts not checked on these. ~~[illegible]~~

Rcd. repro of a page from Polish mag. SAM NA SAM. Article by Rolislaw Jan Kolbusz including column on me w. game I recognize as HOLD THAT LINE. Covering note from Will Shortz.
Rcd. envelope from Bill Riva. ((See 6/13 for details.))

Call from Felicia and we set date for City Island on 6/30, weather permitting

Called Robin King and spoke abt. yesterday. She is still mad at Bob Abbott, but willing to go there on 8/9.

Called Mel Bush abt. "Keough." Left message.

In call to Robin King asked for Abbe's name, etc. { Abbe Bershatsky (718)-645-1268

Second Payment of Federal Income Tax Due.

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Call from Larry Harris, by John Vernai's request. Told Larry abt. my talk w. Mike Gray, and we figured that Mike spoke to John. Told Larry that John promised me a review copy of UBI; that I hear bad things abt. it, but I'd like to make my own decision. Spoke abt. other review copies: PUNCHLINE - it has been dropped; SCRABBLE WORD RUMMY - he'll send; DR. JANGLE - he offered but I said "no thanks" - it is in the vein of TWISTERS; TRIVIAL PURSUIT POCKET PACK - he'll send; TV SCRABBLE - not ready yet. He asked if I had heard from "Mattel"; spoke to gal at TOY FAIR but one who was supposed to contact me never did; also the call abt. someone to work there. I asked if "S&R/Coleco" was looking for items; children's & social interaction. I asked abt. word games; they have some hot ones under consideration; told him that John liked my TARGET WORD better than "MB's" LAST WORD. Also said that John loved my HIGH SPIRITS & several others he liked. Larry will talk to him. I brought up MY PHANTASY; it could be considered, but would have to be there in a few wks.; told him I'd have to try for '89 - taking the time to do it right.

Called GAMES and spoke to Mike Shenk - Scott Marley not in yet. Told him I'd be there tomorrow to pick up my stuff and to talk to Scott; if he has any messages to give me a call.

Rcd. check for $100 from "PSC Games Limited Partnership" for STRANDED review - in Oct./Nov. GAMES.

Rcd. "Keough" forms from Mel Bush.

Rcd. copy of GAME TIMES - actually ~~issue #6 of~~ the new name for issue #6 of AMERICAN GAME COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER. Pc. on Bruce Whitehill writing mysteries, and Bill Alexander taking over as editor. Part II of history of "P.": BANKING, DR. BUSBY, CHIVALRY, PING PONG, PIT, FLINCH, ROOK, CAMELOT, THE BIG TRAIL, MAKE-A-MILLION, RICH UNCLE, CLUE, & others. Article on TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG. Article on game collectors Debbie & Marty Krim w. mention of NAPOLEON (P.) & DETECTIVE (Bliss). Article on "Diversions" store in Marblehead, MA w. mentions of UR, SENET & others; next issue will feature Carole Monica's "Games People Play." Article on Jerry Slocum, his museum exhibition, & his book PUZZLES OLD & NEW: HOW TO MAKE AND SOLVE THEM; Pc. on "Antique Games Exhibited at American International TOY FAIR" - of "S&R" games - Bruce Whitehill getting it up. Rules for PIGS FLINCH. Pc. on WORD PLAY TV show, w. mention of FICTIONARY, CALL MY BLUFF (TV & MB), & more. "Strategy games for two": BETWEEN THE SCISSORS, SHEEP AND WOLVES, THE GAME OF FRIENDS - an OTHELLO variant. An original game by Will Shertz - ASSOCIATIONS. Rules for 2 variants of CONSEQUENCES: MAKING A WILL & CRIME CLUB - & mention of LUDICROUS LEGACIES. Pc. on SKITTLES. Prices of games auctioned @ last yrs. convention. Pc. on MATRIMONY (Capital Card Co.); on GAME OF DUDES (R. Bliss); on ANNETTE'S SECRET PASSAGE (P.); on GAME OF BUSINESS (P.); DERBY DAY WITH HURDLES (P.). "Upcoming Issues" will, among other things, feature GAMERS ALLIANCE & David Greenwald's collection. Info on

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Bunker Hill Day (Boston)

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Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Listed - THE STORY OF MONOPOLY, SILLY PUTTY, BINGO, FRISBEE, SCRABBLE, ET CETERA by M. Kaye (which I have as A TOY IS BORN). Listed - THE BOOK OF SOLO GAMES by "Gyles Brandreth" - One of the world's leading authorities on games and puzzles presents more than 300 simple but intriguing games for a single player. Incl. card and board, dominoes, calculator, tangrams, pencil, dice, coins, children's, more. Softbound. Only $5.95. (which I don't have.)

To GAMES. Scott Marley gave me package w. CROSS-BID (Derby Town Games); letter from Everett Nichols; ~~[illegible] from Everett Nichols~~ Letter from Eric M. Berman - wants copy of TICKER TAPE (Cadaco). Wayne Schmitberger - not there so I called him at home - - - - - - - - - - (609)-448-1306. There won't be a special review issue - no ads. GAMES 100 will probably be in Oct./Nov. issue; it will have to be shorter - possibly omitting pictures of items that were in previous yrs. There will be a staff meeting abt. it this Fri. and he'll call me to tell me abt. it. I will probably go there in abt. 3 wks., after a prelim. list is prepared. One special issue will be a "retrospective" of the 1st 10 yrs. - one of my games will probably be in it and he'll probably want a new one as well. I brought up Veli Toukomies - "The Overload of Games" (see 6/10); he was going to tell me abt. it; I asked, and he doesn't intend to do anything abt. a pc. on this; he will write to Pekka Peltomäki however. Made repros of following from Wayne's office: JIGSOL (Perigames) - complete info except for letter distribution; Ad mat'l. from "Trigame Enterprises, Inc.": AT THE GATES OF MOSCOW, 1941; OPERATION THUNDERCLAP; VALLEY OF HELL; VARI TRIVIAL; RUSSIA'S WAR; SKARN'S KEEP; TRI-CHESS. Made repros of following from Scott's office: MASTER (Les Jeux Inspiro Ltée) - complete info; FIRST TO FIVE (Tedco, Inc.) - complete info; CORPORATE CONFLICT (Silverline Games Inc.) - complete info; WINNING WORDS (Peter Funk, Inc.) - rules only. Made repros of following games from the Bill Riva folder (see 6/3): THE WINNING HAND / TOP; SNAKE PIT; PIN; TWO HUNDRED; THE ENDLESS ROAD. Made repros of rules for BURKE'S LAW (Transogram) - for Herb Levy; repros of new rules for BAZAAR - for John Farewell, but made 10 sets. Asked Scott, and he took the new BAZAAR rules; he said that 3M sets go for high prices @ auctions. Spoke to Will Shortz and thanked him for the page from SAM NA SAM; he is sure that Rolislaw Kolbusz was involved (see 1/20). He has the entire set of SAM NA SAM at home - abt. 40 issues; we'll arrange for me to visit some time to go thru them. Called Amy Howland; she has put in an order for the "MB" games to be sent to me - she'll check on it's progress.

Call from Dale F., she picked up 2 "A.H." games - new: NAPOLEON AT BAY & CONQUISTADOR. They were abt. $3.00 each, and they can be returned. Checked; don't have them; told her I'd keep them.

At "games" took the following: SCALA (Skill Games) - found it was a dupl.; VACATION PUZZLES - Special Edition - Vol. 1 No. 1 (2 of); Feb/Mar GAMES (2 of); Apr./May GAMES (2 of); Jun./Jul. GAMES (3 of).

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Last Quarter

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all fr. Felicia; Chuck Luchsinger• was shocked when he got together w. Bill Riva• - he is not well! Bill thinks he some of Chuck's games - but he doesn't. Felicia thinks that Bill is confused w. my games. She asked which of mine he has - FOREIGN INTRIGUE•, TAKE-A-WORD• & NEAT FIT• - possibly some others. But I'm not worried abt. them. She said that Bill said he'd be calling me. He doesn't answer when she calls him. Told her I rcd. envelope of mat'l. from Bill, that doesn't make much sense.

-u answer to PLAYTHINGS• request, rcd. 1987-1988 "David Grabowski" catalog. Kept pages w/th: THE DICTIONARY GAME•; TRUMP GAME• (ACE) - (see MODERN JETS• - 6/13); PAPER GAMES PAD•; FISHING GAME• - various kinds; page of PUZZLES• - including BEAT THE COMPUTER•

d. "UPS" package from "Games Gang": THE QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE• (Questone Marketing Inc.); WINNING WORDS• (Peter Fynk, Inc.); FAST FAX• (Terry O'Brien/Games Gang, Ltd.); SUDZ• (Golden Gate Marketing/Games Gang, Ltd.).

ade a layout for a new board for COGNITIVITY•

19 Friday

June 1987

Emancipation Day (Tex.)

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Made a full-scale board from the COGNITIVITY layout I made yesterday.

2 calls from Felicia - abt. her concern over Bill Riva.

Saturday 20

West Virginia Day

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Dale F. Brought copy of CANDY LAND BINGO (bought on 6/13) to Brian; he had one but kept it anyway. At a garage sale bought the following for $1: THE $10,000 PYRAMID GAME (M.B.) - parts not checked; THE HOLLYWOOD SQUARES TV GAME (Ideal) - parts not checked; MINDMAZE (P.) - dupl. - broken, but usable); 3 games to put aside for Stephie - "Mystery Date" (MB), ~~"WHAT SHALL I WEAR?"~~ "What Shall I Wear?" (S&R), "Emily Post Popularity Game" (S&R). Brian got a copy of RUN YOURSELF RAGGED - the one we have at home & didn't know the name of; it has a timer; it is missing a hoop which I'll give him from mine; Dale got it at a garage sale. Called Ronnie Corn. Told him abt. my idea for adding 6 cards to his EXIT game. Asked for rules for WORLDMASTER. Asked, and he has TAX YOUR TAX; At "Fortunof's" he saw CORPORATE TAKEOVER - abt. $26 and he didn't buy - from box cover it looks something like MONOPOLY. He bought a copy of UPPER HAND (Orda) - I confused it w. STRATA 5 (MB), and told him my problems w. it. Dale gave me the 2 "A.H." games she bought at "Peddler's Market for $2.99 ea. (??); CONQUISTADOR, NAPOLEON AT BAY. Called Mel Bush and told him that I was sending in the "Keough" forms, even tho he tried to confuse me by putting a note on mine that BB should sign and Visa-versa (actually this was tomorrow).

~~Good message from Jack Garner. He was thinking of coming over to trade. He'll call me again soon.~~

21 Sunday

First Day of Summer
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

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At "Peddlers Market" bought THE TRANSFORMERS ADVENTURE GAME ($1.99) (Warren/Hasbro) - the 8 bases missing, altho shrink-wrapped.

Found message from Jack Garner. He was thinking of coming over to trade. He'll call again soon.

St. John the Baptist
Midsummer Day
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Wednesday 24
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To Felicia's. Olga Sokith (who uses the pseudoname "O.S. Popin") came w. her FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS and we played a little children's game w. paths using footprints of 4 diff. animals - one for each player; get pcs. of a simple jig-saw puzzle to put together; win by reading end of path w. puzzle put together. Gave her suggestions for allowing pcs. to be stolen & traded, etc. Best suggestion I gave her was to have footprints going from top of box, along the sides, and to the bottom where info to the game is placed. Olga's tel. number - ((201-241-2391)). She also brought LIFT OFF which actually is a word game, where letters are dropped into slots somewhat like CONNECT FOUR; she didn't have rules worked out and we both told her to forget abt. it. Returned the folder from Bill Riva that I got from Felicia on 6/3 & reprod on 6/17. Gary Gates & Wendy Wenger came (from Harrisburg PA) w. their game CLICK. We played a few of the diff. variations and they were fun. They gave me a set of the rules. The problem w. placing the game is that all that is needed are a set of letter cards. I suggested some kind of an electronic gadget to indicate who "clicked" 1st as a possibility to making it commercial. They were interested in seeing my collection and I gave Gary my no. - taking his ((717-838-2979)) - and Olga also took mine. Felicia took us across the street for a late lunch. In the conversation Lillian Voegelin came up (see '72) and the fellow who had an office around the corner from her - neither of us remembering his name, (was it Herb Roth after he moved?) I asked Felicia to please call BB, since we broke up after 5, she was still on phone when I got home. She told me that there was a co. - whose name she couldn't tell me - who wanted to get into GAMES and want her as an advisor. She asked, and they'd like me to come to the meeting; she'll ask for at least $25 an hour. Her lawyer is now looking at the contract.

Letter from Tom Shaw; Don Greenwood is interested in evaluating DOSSIER; However the disclosure form he wants me to sign stinks.

(May/Jun '87).

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA #301 ∧ George R. Dekle on "The History of CHESS": CHATURANGA, ASTAPADA board, CHATURAJA; XIANG-QI, SHOGI. "The AISE Connection" - PROGRESSIVE TAKE-ALL, TAKE-ALL. Philip Cohen: Answer to GRAND PIGS AND BULLS problem; Wayne Schmittberger, THE BOOK OF GAMES (by Peter Arnold - '85), XIANG-QI, SHOGI FOR BEGINNERS (by John Fairbairn); sample game of SPHERICAL CHESS; among May's tourneys - FOCUS/DOMINATION & CROSSINGS, w. plug for ALOG; short rules for U-CHESS, SPHERICAL CHESS, ONE-LIE PIGS AND BULLS; letter on SECRET GHOST; sample game of EXTINCTION CHESS. Noticed that Lionel Goetz, who runs the SECRET WORD LADDERS, lives in "Co-Op City."

25 Thursday

June 1987

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Aug. '87). Clipped review of ALIENS (Activision) by Matthew Costello.

Call from Felicia. In case things don't go well w. meeting w. Chris Campbell today she was thinking of "Mattel" and tried to call Mel Taft. His number was disconnected. I checked the number I had for Larry Harris & Joseph Martin (see 11/12/86) and it was the same. We agreed that Mel is out of it now. She is thinking of contacting Mike Meyers @ "MB" - she knows him for a long time.

Call from Curtis Slepian. Someone called GAMES asking whether a royalty offer she got for a GAME was a rip-off. Told him the usual, but if she wants to call me I can give her 5 minutes. Asked for Wayne Schmittberger - out all wk. w. strep throat. Asked abt. GAMES 100; not settled yet but if it is in at all it will be much smaller. Told him I'd like to talk to Scott Marley when he gets a chance.

Call from Phil Orbanes, in answer to my request on 6/9. They love the play of CAN'T STOP but can't do it unless there is a theme that would appeal to a housewife in the mid-west [redacted] to a fisherman in New England. They has tried, but with no success. If I can find the right one it can be for '89. Since INSTANT INSANITY is back, would they be interested in looking at [redacted] puzzles of mine [redacted] (also suggested to Felicia that she ask Chris Campbell). [redacted] They have one for '88 and are pretty well set on one for '89, but they can look. He thinks it would be good for Chris to come to see my collection at the same time.

"Pete" from "UPS" here w. 2 packages. He didn't mention CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY GAME.

From "Coleco" rcd. THE WORLD ACCORDING TO UBI/UBI. Name on shipping sheet was "Don Taylor").

From "Decipher" rcd. THE NEXT WORD & NUMBER QUEST. [redacted]

Call from Felicia to tell me abt. meeting w. Chris Campbell today. One of Pam Formato's items is to be changed and then sent in at the end of the summer. Told her abt. my call from Phil Orbanes and what she heard from Chris pretty much agrees.

2nd call from Felicia. In the contract from the co. she told me abt. yesterday, her lawyer found a clause that she can't show things to any other cos. for 5 yrs. She won't sign of course.

Called Bob Grabhorn and spoke to his wife. She liked the look of the COGNITIVITY board. Bob tied up & he'll call me tomorrow.

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Friday 26

New Moon

June 1987

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Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#90/June). Reviews: RAVENING HORDES - supplement for WARHAMMER; POWER BARONS (MB); TERROR AUSTRALIS (Chaosium) - supplement for CALL OF CTHULHU; THE SHATTERED ISLE (Chaosium) - supplement for STORMBRINGER or HAWKMOON; WIZARD'S REVENGE; BENEATH TWO SUNS; PINNACLE, CRYSTAL BARRIER (Mayfair Games) - adventures for AD&D. Ad for FIRELAND (K Society). Ad for SLAUGHTER MARGIN - a JUDGE DREDD: THE ROLE-PLAYING GAME supplement. Article on 10 yrs. of publ. by Ian Livingstone. Article on RUNEQUEST; on PARANOIA; on WARHAMMER. An AD&D mini-adventure. Ad for CHAINSAW WARRIOR. Article on JUDGE DREDD: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME. Ad for STORMBRINGER. Ad by "K Society, Games Divisim" for FIRELAND, IMPERIAL EARTH, & ANYWHEN. "Adventure Outlines" for JUDGE DREDD: THE ROLE-PLAYING GAME. Ad for ROGUE TROOPER, w. 9 new cards to cut out & description on their use.

Called Tom Shaw - and he called me back. Told him abt. my complaints on the disclosure form. He said to change royalty to 2½% of retail price; to change the "liability" clause to agree w. my other contracts. I asked, and sending it in in a month is fine. The disclosure form was set up for mag. articles, he said. He said I really should come to ORIGINS; told him it was just too much.

Call from Bob Grabhorn. Told him my ideas for COGNITIVITY. On your turn throw dice and pick the column corresponding to one number. W. old idea move up one space. W. new idea & one argument in favor take 3 chips. In turn players can offer an argument in favor and take a chip or one against & take a chip from any other player. Players can also "pass" up to 2 times and still come back. When no further arguments can be given each player moves up the no. of chips held (didn't actually specify this to him). If 4, 5, or 6 are playing win by reaching goal in 2 cols; w. 2 or 3 win w. goal in 3 cols. (Rough idea) He'll try it and get back to me, w. questions, etc.

In talk w. Tom Shaw I mentioned getting CONQUISTADOR & NAPOLEON AT BAY for $3 each; they were remaindered.

Called Raymond Soncie. He didn't have a chance to call "Hexagames" yet. He'll try this coming Mon. - and will let me know what happens.

Visit from Lynn & Herb Levy. He brought me INTREPID JOURNEY & I gave him my 4/28 dupl. of BAFFLES. He also brought 2 games for me to look at for keeping one for the one he owes me for a previous trade: INE WEB [illegible] (The Web Game) - see '65 diary; CHECK-O (Saalfield) - see '69 diary. Couldn't find SPACE DICE to return to him (but found it after he left). Gave him the repro of the rules for BURKE'S LAW (Transogram). They played SUE FOR A MILLION w. another couple and the other 3 hated it - while Herb felt it wouldn't be too bad if the board were replaced w. cards that allowed for more swing. They mentioned PRIORITIES - sim. to A QUESTION OF SCRUPLES. They love ANNEX & NEXT WORD. We agreed that NUMBER QUEST just wasn't as much

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27 Saturday

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w. BB to sale at "Mamaroneck H.S." Bought following @ 50¢ each, all dupl's. except as noted: MR. PRESIDENT (3M) - 1967 edition; HI SPOT (Pressman); RUBIK'S RACE (Ideal) - rules & "spacer" tiles missing; TRUST ME (P.); GAMBLER (P.); CONFLICT (P.); BERMUDA TRIANGLE (Ideal); THE NEW YORK GAME (Emporium Publications of South America, Inc./Cynthia and Jerome Rubin); TENNIS (P.); SCAN (P.); CAMPAIGN (Waddingtons) - 1974 edition - quite diff. from 1971 edition I already have.

Tried to call Austin Johnson, but no answer,
called Abbe Bershatsky & left message on machine thanking them for games.

Call from Felicia. Still upset abt. Bill Riva not getting the model of FOREIGN INTRIGUE to her. Told her not to worry, that I could make another if there is any sign of interest in anyone seeing it.
Another call from Felicia. She "remembered" that the guy around the corner from her old office was Jim Becker. I checked diary and he is "Anjar" - in 200 Fifth Ave.

Visit to Laurences & to "party" thrown by her sister. Told Annette that I "perfected" TAKEOVER; she asked what I did and I told her I'd show her.

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fun as NEXT WORD. Herb also likes NoMDICE; I asked, and he plays that you don't need an exact count to move a pc. off; if I find out otherwise from Warren Holland I'll call him - since he is reviewing it in next issue. He rcd. a copy of DOMINEW but hasn't tried it yet. He tried TRAILER TRUCKIN' and doesn't care for it. He mentioned WORD FOR WORD, a word game where the object is to form words that make a path across the board (couldn't find anything on this at all). Showed Herb SMYTE & he took address to ask for a copy. He is going to ORIGINS; I asked, and he'll pick up some catalogs, etc. for me. Played DOSSIER w. my new rules and it worked well; Lynn & Herb tied w. 14 pts. each, I had 13, and BB 11. Some items showed only once and I didn't show at all; if I reduce the cards from 28 to 16 there should be much less chance of this happening. (Later thinking that the cards to assign the items is not really nec. - instead each player can be given a listing of the 16 cards and then chooses his own items, Lying to avoid giving 4 as an answer wouldn't be req'd. then.) Set next date for Tues. 7/14, since he has the summer off.

Sunday 28

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 1987

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From NEWS• clipped page w. RUBIK'S MAGIC UNLINK THE RINGS• & "Bandai's" FAMILY FUN FITNESS!

Started a box of games for Eamon Bloomfield: the following dupl's. from yesterday - MR. PRESIDENT•, HI SPOT•, TRUST ME•, GAMBLER• CONFLICT•, BERMUDA TRIANGLE•, THE NEW YORK GAME•, TENNIS•. SITUATION 7• took the set marked "Dupl. with parts missing - see 8/20/77 & 11/10/79" and everything there except that one jigsaw pc. was damaged (the pc. from the ziploc bag marked 11/10/79 didn't fit).

Tried to call Austin Johnson• & Robin King• - but neither answered.

29 Monday

June 1987

Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul

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Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (Jul/Aug '87 Vol. 8 No. 7). Ruth Roufberg reviews JITTERS (MB), ANNEX (Sterling Games), BAFFLES (Maruca Games), QIXIT (Whitehall Games), TAKE A LETTER (Rainbow Games), &c. on KIDS' GAMES by Phil Wiswell - w. mention of his I HATE CHARADES.

Spent most of day checking on games for Eamon Bloomfield. In connection w. PRO PLAYOFF (Hasbro) looked for the box of games I rcd. from "3M" on 4/3/72, but couldn't locate it (??).

Rcd. ad for AGCA convention in Salem: Randolph Barton; Phil Orbanes; THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

Call from Felicia. Doris still not back in town, so we agreed to postpone our trip to City Island until next wk.

Called "Decipher." Warren Holland not available and spoke to "Sophie" (or was it Sophia"). Told her I rcd. [redacted] NEXT WORD & NUMBER QUEST, and asked abt. A&B & POTA - they should be on the way soon. Told her I had a question abt. NO DICE; she'll have "Lee" who is working on the rules call me. Call from "Lee" and she said that you don't have to go off w. an exact count; told her it wasn't clear in the rules and she said she'd try to catch it. 2nd call from "Lee" - it had been taken care of; I asked, and she'll send me the new rules when ready.

Called Austin Johnson and spoke to someone who had him call back. Told him that I liked the play of SMYTE but there really wasn't anything I could do to help him push it. He would be willing to have it published in GAMES, but I realized that the board wouldn't fit on one page. Told him how great the model was; each copy is unique - and he felt that one should be in my collection. He originally learned abt. me by getting the "Pantheon" AGOG from the library, and keeping it way overdue. He couldn't find a copy in the book stores. Told him I'd send him a copy - probably it will be used, but not abused. He called "Pantheon" and asked for my address; they wouldn't give it to him but offered to forward the package. He asked if he could call me again; of course.

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Rcd. mat'l. on TREASURE HUNT from James Khoo:
Prepared listing of games sent to Eamon Bloomfield (details are in his folder).
Box 1: TRUST ME (P); CONFLICT (P); THE 6 PACK OF PAPER & PENCIL GAMES (Gamut of Games); TRESPASS (P); WHY (MB); GAMBLER (P); THE NEW YORK GAME (Emporium Publ's of S. America, Inc.); THE BRASS MONKEY GAME (U.S. Games Systems); MIND MAZE GAME (P); NAPOLEON'S LAST BATTLES (SPI); MANAGEMENT (A.H.); MR. PRESIDENT (3M); P.E.G.S. (P); TENNIS (P); PERQUACKET (Lakeside); QUBIC (P); RESCUE FROM THE HIVE (SPI) - 2 of; TRIPPPLES (Benassi Enterprises); CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY GAME (Knopf); BRIDGETTE (Bridgette Games, Inc.) - 2 of.
Box 2: CARRIER STRIKE (MB); MOVIE MOGULS (R.G.I); SUMMIT (MB); THE WINNING TICKET (Ideal); BERMUDA TRIANGLE (MB); SITUATION 7 (P); JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL (Mattel); SWAHILI (MB); DATAFLOW (Systems Inc.); DOUBLE DECKER (Pressman); INFINITY (Gamut of Games); HI SPOT (Pressman). Also copies of June/July '87 & Apr./May '87 GAMES?
Brought Box 1 to P.O. - the surface postage was $44.40 (!!!), called Eamon Bloomfield & asked whether it was worth the postage cost to send the 2nd box; yes, the game collectors in Germany are willing to pay a lot for rare games. He said he'd send me $100 to cover the postage & I told him not to bother; no answer from him. Read off the list of games in the 2 boxes and he said they sounded good. I asked abt. whether WW2 games are acceptable in Germany; they are not in stores there, but some collectors want them. He asked abt. the "SPI" dupl's. I have; told him that I have been trading them w. Herb Levy & John Farewell; he bought out a collection of abt. 400 "SPI" games for $500. He is sending me a game from Switzerland called KREMLIN; which he says is excellent. He is also sending me AUF ACHSE by Wolfgang Krämer - which he said is the kind of railroad game I would do. He would like copies of ~~Speed~~ KRAKATOA, SCREW THE I.R.S., and - when I told him abt. it - WIN, LOSE OR DRAW. He hasn't rcd. GAMES after Feb/May, '87 - so I added the next 2 to Box 2. He wanted the address for "M.T. Bonk Co." who put out PLAY IT AGAIN JUKE BOX; offered to send it to him, but he said just to put it in the box - told him in HI SPOT. I also offered to send the listing of all the games, but he said not to bother. I mentioned how high S.P.I. games were listed for in various publications. (Call - $111.79.)
When got back from P.O. message from Walter Luc Haas. In the midst of moving but working on an article for SPIELBOX. He had a question on Bob Abbott's EUREKA - why does the dealer put out the first card saying nothing? He'll call again later.
Tried to call Bob Abbott but no answer in N.Y. or N.J.
Call from Walter Luc Haas: Told him I wasn't sure of his no. or I would have called. He gave me his new no. (but see 7/3). Gave him Bob's no. in N.J. The game EUREKA was put out by "International Team" and licensed from ~~[illegible]~~ "Seven Towns" - undoubtedly this should be "Seven Towns". Walter said it was a cross btw. ELEUSIS & THE NEW ELEUSIS (see 10/2/77).

1 Wednesday

July 1987

Canada Day

182/183

Call from [redacted] Kris Lynch. Sam Goldberg would like my opinion of a series of 4 QED PUZZLES put out by "Peter Pan Playthings." I'll go there on 7/6, for lunch. Found info on them in catalog I got in '86.

Called "Seven Towns" and asked to have Larry Mass call me; he didn't.

Rcd. XANADU MEMORANDUM (#15, June 87); MARRAKESH; BRIDGETTE; ITINERARY w. '83 PLAYBOY review; ZIG-ZAG; KRAKATOA; GRAND SLAM BASEBALL; QUINX.
From "West End" rcd. ad for the revised 2nd edition of PARANOIA.

To P.O. w. 2nd box of games for Eamon Bloomfield - $40.30 postage.

Played 3 games of TAKEOVER w. BB. Played well.

(cont. from 7/2) [7/2]

vious games to people sending in for it. On 7/6 I will probably get a preliminary listing from Scott Marley; the following wk. I'll go there with my suggestions.

In my talk w. him took address for (so I won't have to look for it).

Monte Young
P.O. Box 99
Soulsbyville, CA 95372
(209) 533-3228

Call [redacted] from Claude - pretty much going over mat'l. I discussed w. Anne.

In talk w. Wayne Schmittberger he said that they rcd. some interesting games. THE NEXT WORD they like a lot; NUMBER QUEST not as much; NO DICE looks like it will be good; (these 3 from Decipher). Some big games from "Hoyle" & some from "MB".

7/1

Thursday 2

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183/182

Called ~~Chris~~ Kris Lynch and spoke abt. QED PUZZLES (Peter Pan Playthings). They only have one set, but I'll take it, and probably will have to return it. Kris thinks that only one is good, but Sam Goldberg likes the idea of not having to tool up, etc.

Called "Seven Towns Ltd." Larry Mass is in Boston today. Told gal abt. TAKEOVER and she'll try to have it for me when I come in on 7/6. Possibly Larry will be there.

Rcd. ad sheet from "Brimms Inc." - mainly children's items. (Where did they get my name??) (Filed in '87 misc.)

Rcd. royalty check for BLOCKADE from "Hexagames." - 258.44 DM. The "Lizenzabrechnung/License accounting per 31.12.86"; check is dated 27.05.87; envelope is post marked 2.6.87.

Called Claude - out and spoke to Anne. Told her abt. royalty from "Hexagames." She'll tell Raymond abt. it. Set tentative date for them to come here on 7/13

When talking to Kris Lynch told her that I had better puzzles than the QED PUZZLES. I'll bring THE INFINITE PUZZLE w. me when I go there on 7/6.

-pres.

Call from Ben Maurais no ↑ "Big Ben Games, Inc." - 86 Essex St. (4th Floor), Haverhill, MA 01830 ((617-527-1377)). They have changed the name and the play of MARINE CORPS. TRIVIA - to SEMPER FI. He wanted me to come to Boston for a conference, but I suggested saving money by sending me the mat'l. and then discussing it on the phone. I'll get a "Fed. Exp." package tomorrow, and he'll call me on 7/9 @ 10 A.M. Told him my fee is $25 per hour. He asked for a letter covering this, and prepared one for BB to type.

Call from Monte Young of POWER "THE GAME". He asked if I knew Robert Smith from Australia - yes turn Donald Benge, who he knows. He sent a package to Smith - and I believe he said he was reimbursed for the postage. I brought up, and we both agreed that Smith wasn't completely on the level. We spoke abt. Germany as the best market for games and he'll try & get a rep for there. He asked abt. GAMES 100 and I said I'd get him in, if there is one. He asked if I saw the April '87 issue of ENTREPRENEUR Mag. - completely on the toy & game industry; there are interviews w. people like Steve Peek and he was surprised that they didn't get me; he'll try & get a back number for me; if can't, he'll send me his to repro & return. He'd like to get copies of 1/87 GAMES, w. my review of POWER "THE GAME". Told him I had one or 2 around that I'd send him. He brought up CONDOMONEYUM, but I didn't quite get why.

Checked & I didn't have any copies of 1/87 GAMES. Called & spoke to Wayne Schmittberger; he'll have some for me when I go there on 7/6. Asked abt. GAMES 100. It will be limited to 6 pages so only abt. 50 new items will be included. They may offer a listing of pre-

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3 Friday

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Aphelion
Emancipation Day (V.I.)
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Rcd. "Address Change Form" from { Walter Luc. Haas
Brunngasse 83
CH-4153 REINACH/BL
Switzerland

Tel. (61) 76 96 41

Rcd. "Fed. Exp." package w. SEMPER FI & letter fr. Jeffrey Pacio
There are 2 boards & equip't. for 2 diff. versions - rough models.

Called Robin King and spoke for abt. an hr. - partly abt. games in general. Then BB spoke to her for abt. another 1½ hrs.

2 games of TAKEOVER w. BB and it worked O.K. Thinking that winning by money seems a little too likely. I'll try $30 for each debt.

First Quarter
Independence Day
185/180

Saturday 4
July 1987

Played 4-hand TAKEOVER by myself using 4 debts/$120. Seemed to have a good balance and played in abt. 3¼ hr.
Played 2 games of TAKEOVER w. BB and it played O.K. (Later thinking of a variation, when "taking over" can choose to pay 3 x no. to bank - w. max. of $15 - instead of 2 x no. to the opponent.)

Call from Felicia. ~~Discussed~~ She got a nice letter from Gary Gates. They are making the changes in CLICK that we suggested. He found ACOCF on sale in 2 stores in Harrisburg. Felicia still hasn't heard from Doris.

5 Sunday

July 1987

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

186/179

Call from Felicia. Doris won't be able to join us for some time. We set the date for City Island on 7/8.

From NEWS clipped article on "Fun and Games On the Road" - w. THE 'DOUBLE NUMBER' MAZE & other children's games,

Call from Joli Kansil. In the U.S. preparatory to going to Ecuador on an "Explorer's Club" trip. He has reservation tomorrow for fellow who is going and his wife, and asked if I could make it. Yes - since I was going to GAMES mag. in the P.M. we'll meet there. He has a new GAME to show me at his hotel.

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[redacted]; Rules for WEB & CHECK-O (see 6/26); Rules for RUBIK'S RACE (see 6/27). Joli Kansil came in and in the conversation MONTAGE came up; Wayne said that he'd love to have a copy & I told him I was sure that I had a dupl. to bring him.

To hotel w. Joli Kansil. He showed me his game, tentatively called X-WORD. He showed it to "P." and they - Phil Orbanes and who else? - liked it, but said that it had to have a 2-hand version. Spoke abt. it & I came up w. one that worked when we tried it (after going for supper @ Lutech restaurant w. another couple). Joli said that he'd give me a cut if it sold to "P." or some kind of an arrangement if he puts it out himself. I took the game w. me since he was going to Ecuador for 3 wks. Made notes abt. what we discussed. He calls the 2-hand version Q-WORD. He mentioned CASINO GAMMON (found I had info on it in '76). Home by taxi.

At GAMES John Keenen gave me letter from Ms. Karin Lichterman 8416 Cherokee Ln. Leawood, KS 66206 asking for how to get a copy of "3M's" PHLOUNDER & of DIG.

BB got call from Andrew Parfitt of BBC-Radio 4. He'll call tomorrow. She thinks he got into on me from David Pritchard.

Rcd. form from "P" - "Certificate of Compliance" - to be signed & returned to them. Pretty sure this doesn't apply to me.

Joli Kansil mentioned BAGEL a card game from Florida. He gave me his card w. a new telephone no.

7/5 **Monday 6**

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To "Pressman": Kris showed me the QED PUZZLES & spoke abt. them as I worked on them. Solved SET SQUARES, THE DISAPPEARING SQUARE, & PERFECT SQUARES. Later, as Sam Goldberg joined us, I finished the last 3 pcs. on his doing of SQUARING THE CIRCLE. The people at "Peter Pan" want to do "Pressman's" THINK-OMINOS, THINK & JUMP, THINK TAC TOE and will change their 4 QED PUZZLES to the same format. In turn they want "Pressman" to add the QED PUZZLES to their line. Sam asked if I could check on the "QED Puzzles" to see if they have been published in books, etc - yes, I'll try. He asked me to try to solve THINK TAC TOE and I found it much more difficult than the previous 4. I asked abt. DOORWAYS -- and they aren't doing well, but THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME is not doing any better. TOPPLE came up, and it's doing very well. In connection w. the [redacted] "VCR Games" Sam feels that "Mattel's" dogs have hurt the entire field. Noticed a "Waddington" game - WORDSEARCH; asked, and Kris ran repro of rules, which have complete info except for letter distribution and their point values. Also took 2 games to look @ & return in a few wks: AIRLINE (Mulgara Products 1985) - this is from Australia; EXCURSIONS (B. & R. Excursions Inc. 1985) - this is from Canada.

To "Seven Towns", Larry Mass called BB after I left, to tell her that he forgot to bring in the TAKEOVER model; told him not to worry abt. it. He said that they are looking for GAME's that ~~that~~ can be called "Rubik's" - w. Rubik getting the lion's share. They have to have a mechanical gimmik. I told him abt. CLOSING IN but he wasn't impressed. I suggested Hank Atkins and he already has spoken to him; I said that if the play needed improvement I could work on it, but that was when he brought up Rubik getting a cut. I asked, and he gave me a copy of RUBIK'S MAGIC (MASTER EDITION). I asked abt. EUREKA; he had a copy there and had the gal run repros of the French rules for me (she did 2); he'll get me a copy eventually. I asked abt. ACROSS; Tom Kremer will be showing it to see if there is any interest; if so he will work on adding a theme.

While at "Pressman" I showed THE INFINITE PUZZLE to Sam, but he wasn't really interested. He asked if I had a "travel" GAME and I told him abt. HOLIDAY; he meant a game that could be played in a car while traveling.

To GAMES. Spoke to Wayne Schmittberger. Gave him the info on SMYTE. He showed me a quick sample game of EXTINCTION CHESS; I came up w. an idea for a variant - consider K & Q as a "species-royalty." He mentioned SPUTNIK CHESS where all pcs. that are passed the center line can move once during a turn plus one that is not passed; he also brought up Ralph Betza's N-PLAYER CHESS (see 7/14/84) which has a similar idea. Wayne gave me 3 Anpl. copies of 1/87 GAMES. Scott Marley came in; he is still working on the abbreviated GAMES 100; when he has the list ready he'll send it to me and I'll come there several days later w. my suggestions. Gave Scott the YOMEGA I got for him on 5/18. Made xerox pros of the following: Mat'l. from ANALOG mags. rec'd. on 5/12 & 6/1[redacted]

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7 Tuesday

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From "West End Games" rcd. ad for SOLDIERS.

BB called Felicia - bad weather tomorrow, so date postponed.

Call from Wayne Schmittberger for And Obbens first name. I asked, and a manufacturer of a GAME was to try to get "Jumbo" to publish it.

Call from Andrew Parfitt of "BBC-Radio." I asked, and it was David Pritchard who told him abt. me. He asked abt. MONOPOLY and I said that, altho I know something abt. it, my real field of expertise is how games play. They are working on a program for the Xmas season and he said he'd like me to be on it. We set a tentative date for 8/3 @ their office in "Radio City." I'll be paid for my trouble. The one who will interview me is Nick Baker, who is a game fan, and he'll call me before.

Call from Hans Van Maanen. He ~~is doing a book on board games~~ ~~and~~ is doing a Dutch book on board games. He would like to include FOCUS and NETWORK from AGOG. Told him it was fine w. me, but his publisher might want to check w. "P.-Germany" abt. FOCUS; he said he'd take care of it. He'll send me a copy of the book - sometime next spring. He asked for Bob Abbott's no. to ask for permission to do EPAMINONDAS; gave him the N.Y. & the N.J. Took his address & number. (Forgot to ask him where he got my no.)

Hans Van Maanen
15 Churchill Lane
Amsterdam, Netherlands
(20) - 71 36 55

Checking on the QED PUZZLES:
Found 2 of them in
CREATIVE PUZZLES OF THE WORLD: THE DISAPPEARING SQUARE (Pg. 35) & SET SQUARES (Pg. 165). In Martin Gardner's Col. of 11/58 found PERFECT SQUARES (and the result is not quite a perfect square - fig. 1). Couldn't find SQUARING THE CIRCLE. Called ~~Chris~~ Kris Lynch and told her I had info. She was very busy and said she'd call back; didn't.

Rcd. another copy of RAISE THE TITANIC (Hoyle) - (??).

Played 5 games of TAKEOVER w. BB - I won 2 then she won next 3. One of 2 of them were quite 1-sided but the others were competative. The option of paying 3X to bank for a "takeover" works well.

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crazy abt. it, but likes it better than the others he played w.; he'll be reviewing MEGA-RAIDER & QUINX - they have enough interest for that. I asked if he'd be interested in a copy of RAISE THE TITANIC - possibly. He asked abt. PRO BASKETBALL STRATEGY & I said I'd try to get a copy. He asked if I had a dupl. of DYNASTY; not even one; he got one w. parts missing; I might be able to supply them from the repros I got. He spoke abt. GAMES Mag.; if it goes under he'd definitely like to have me work w. him on GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT. Set next date for 8/4 - if their baby sitter is available. [Actually this was tomorrow.]

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Wednesday 8

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from Wayne Schmittberger• rcd. rules for WILDEBEEST CHESS• (which [redacted] is by him). Also corrections in Sample Game II of DIPLOMATS II• (see 5/6).

from Joli Kansil• rcd. letter abt. X-WORD : A-WORD• - w. advance payment check for $500.00.

Called "Pressman." Kris Lynch• not in & spoke to Sam Goldberg. Told him what I found yesterday on the QED PUZZLES. Mark Setteducati• said they were invented by Evan Moscovich• - but this of course is what Ivan told him; I asked Sam not to tell Mark that I did this [redacted] research. He had to go suddenly; I called the sect. and asked to have him call me when he has a few free minutes.

Call from Jack Jaffe• - visiting in Baltimore, for a few wks. ((301-466-6895)). He was at ORIGINS• and found it disappointing; the only TV coverage was a local station which featured him, coming due to his press release. He sold quite a few SAVE THE PRESIDENT; "TSR" & "ICE," showed interest in doing it. Kathy Jones• was there. He said that someone had sent him a poem abt. me; I asked, and it was Bob Smith• from Australia. Told Jack that I never got the poem; he'll send it to me, I asked, & Smith hasn't asked him for games. He is setting up a show in London (I believe), that will feature games & magic. He asked for Martin Gardner's telephone no. to invite him. Told Jack that Martin is out of games & into philosophy, but he does like magic; also don't tell him that I gave Jack his no. I asked Jack to call me with what Martin's answer is. He'll also call if he decides to come to N.Y.

Call from Felicia•. Bill Rivа• told her that Paul Goldie• will be handling the U.S. for Bill. She thinks that Paul might call me. We agreed that if he does I'll tell him that I wrote to Bill cancelling our contract and suggesting renewing it for any games that were "alive"; Bill then verbally told me to just go ahead on my own; but if Paul thinks he has a shot w. anything, he should talk to Felicia. Gary Gates• contacted her asking for my no. - he & Wendy Wenger• would like to arrange to see my collection; she gave it to him and wondered if was O.K. - of course, I gave it to him myself and he must have misplaced it. We spoke abt. the date at City Island and we agreed that we'd wait till Doris was finished w. the problem of her nephew's health.

Rcd. PARANOIA• - 2nd edition, from "West End Games."

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Message from Chuck Luchsinger• asking what has happened to "Schaper." He'll call again.

[Started 7/14]

9 Thursday

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Rcd. the Apr. '87 edition of ENTREPRENEUR mag., w. covering letter from Monte Young. (Didn't have time to more than glance at it.) Also card from Young.

Call from Jeff Pacione of "Big Ben Games." Spoke abt. some of my ideas for SEMPER FI and made notes. I'm to write it up and then send the notes plus the 2 boards so that he'll get them by Mon. – C.O.D. Said that I'd only charge for a max. of 10 hrs., even if it runs longer – actually we spoke for abt. an hr. Started writing it up.

Call from Raymond Soucie. He called "Hexagames" again abt. LINES OF ACTION contract and left a message on their machine.

Played some TAKEOVER w. BB.

(Later) looked at ENTREPRENEUR mat'l.: Jodi Levin of [redacted] "TMA"; MONOPOLY; Charles Darrow; TRIVIAL PURSUIT; Steve Peek, GAME PLAYING: MAKING AND MARKETING YOUR GAME; Eric Medney & CONDOMONEYUM (ESM Marketing Group / S&R); TRADITION (Jopco); TEXAS BINGO; "YOU SAID IT"; Lane Nemeth & "Discovery Toys." Much into on inventing and marketing a toy/game. (Placed in '87 misc.)

Friday 10

Full Moon

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Finished the SEMPER FI write-up & BB typed it. Packaged the 2 boards and mailed them to "Big Ben Games." Having trouble abt. getting assurance that it would get there Mon. so sent it first class, certified, and not C.O.D. - $5.06. Also sent copy of AGOG to Austin Johnson, w. message thanking him for SMYTE; 2 copies of Jan. '87 GAMES to Monte Young; copy of S&T #32 to John Farewell w. repro of English rules for BAZAAR ($2.62 for the 3).

To visit the Horn's. They gave me copy of MATH AND LOGIC GAMES, which they picked up at a Queens Borough Library sale; it is a dupl. (see '84).

11 Saturday

July 1987

W. BB to 2 block sales in Mt. Vernon. Bought CAVEAT EMPTOR• (Plan E Corp.) ($1.50) - dupl. - still in shrink wrap; PUZZLE• (25¢) - one ste ball missing; BERMUDA TRIANGLE• ([redacted]) - dupl.

Visit from the Laurences, Played TAKEOVER•. Annette didn't like it, but Phil said it was better. Then Phil & I played 2-hand, and he said it wasn't bad. In the 4-hand game Phil used up all his "Shady Deals" very early and then didn't have money for a takeover. I made a rule that in this case the takeover can be made for whatever money the player has even $0. However, if a chance to take money is available the pla er cannot takeover.

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DOOLITTLE & WAITE• offered as bonuses for new subscribers to the mag Ad for SPHINX• (Ravensburger).

Call from Wayne Schmittberger•; I'll go there on 7/21 to discuss the "Best Games of the Year" & to have lunch.

Call from Dale•. She found a store that had the square pattern storage boxes for 88¢. She got 6 for me and I asked her to get another 6.

Message from Eric Goldberg•. Called him & he called me back. He is leaving "West End Games" but will be around a few wks. more. I'll drop over there to meet the ones taking over, while Eric is still there.

[Started 7/16]

Sunday 12

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1987

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To Dale's. Phil gave me clipping from THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on Electronic games: LEATHER GODDESSES OF PHOBOS (Infocom); ARCHON chess game (Electronic Arts); EARL WEAVER BASEBALL (Electronic Arts); F-15 STRIKE EAGLE (MicroProse); DONKEY KONG. "Top 12 sellers at Egghead Discount Software": FLIGHT SIMULATOR V (Microsoft); CHESS MASTER 2000 (Electronic Arts); ~~KING~~ KING'S QUEST III (SierraOn-Line); STAR FLIGHT & BARD'S TALE II (Electronic Arts); DARK CASTLE (Silicon Beach); SCRABBLE & SKY FOX (Electronic Arts); FLIGHT SIMULATOR (Microsoft); SPACE QUEST: SARIE (Sierra On-Line); INFILTRATOR (Mindscape); SUB BATTLE (Epyx). At "Sav-A-Lot" bought FOOTBALL PLAYERS' FOOTBALL (Stephens Enterprises) ($2.99 - marked down from previous $3.99). Traded 3 woodgrain boxes w. Dale for 2 of the square pattern ones - the only 2 she had - giving me a total of 30.

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WAS KOSTET DIE WELT? (P.). Article on "Pelikan": AGENT, ARMADA, ATLANTIS, BACKGAMMON, BINGO ROMANO, DIAMANT, FINISH, GLOBETROTTER, MOULIN ROUGE, NAPOLEON, PRÄRIE, QUADRIGA, ROBIN HOOD, SAHARA, TRAMP, TWIN, VICTORY (Several by Alex Randolph). Article on "Die Mörder-Party" Article by Helge Andersen on "Kooperative Spiele": BÄRENSPIEL (Herder); SCHÜTZT UNSEREN TEICH! (Otto Maier); my BEYOND COMPETITION, SPACE EXPLORER; DIKTATOR; PALAVER; SAUERBAUM. "Alternative Spiele": ÖKOSPIEL; EINE WELT SPIEL; DIE ATOMKNACKER; WENN ES LECKT; DAS GIFTMÜLLSPIEL; UMWELTSPIEL; ÖKOLOGY; ÖKOPOLY. Ad for MOMO (Herder). Article on "Reisespiele": SCHACH; DAME; MÜHLE; TANGRAM, MASTER MIND, SCOTLAND YARD, DAMPFROSS; SCHNUFF (Ravensburger); RUCK ZUCK (Ravensburger); HEIMLICH & CO (Rav.); IM DRACHENLABYRINTH (ASS); KUHHANDEL (Rav.); TRIVIAL PURSUIT (P.); URIANS HÖLLENFAHRT (Bütehorn); DIE 1 MILLION (Hexagames); BAZAAR (Schmidt); RITTER KUNIBERT'S 12ER STICH (Hexagames); DIGIT (Piatnik); INDISCRETION (Piatnik). Reviews: ROMA (IT); MOMO (Herder); TIM UND STRUPPI (Otto Maier); AUF ACHSE (FX Schmid); DRACHENFELS (Schmidt Spiele) - by Alex Randolph. ↑ by Wolfgang Kramer Ad for HÖLLENHAUS (Schmidt Spiele). Centerfold game by me: KRAWALL IM PARADIES - w. mention of ORGANISMS & KAMPF DER GARTENZWERGE. Reviews of MATHEMATISCHE DENKSPIELE & ~~MARTIN GARDNER'S MATHEMATISCH~~ MARTIN GARDNER'S MATHEMATISCHE DENKSPIELE. "Besser Spielen: DER HEXENMEISTER VON FLAMMENDEN BERG; KÖNIG DER STERNE; MAH JONGG. Ad for INDISCRETION (Piatnik/F.X. Schmid) - by Alex Randolph - w. prize for best game using the cards; also picture of ACTION TEST, DIGIT, CHANGE CHANGE. Rätsel on SPHINX. Ad by "Heinz Vogel Verlag" for LASS MEIN KÄNGURUH IN RUH! & FROSCHKÖNIG. "Aufgaben": SCRABBLE; SLEUTH, DAME, CODE 777. Article on CARROM. "Malas Spiele": RINGELSPIEL, KOMPASS, TRAUBE. "Spielwisse" by Walter Luc Haas: RUBIK'S CUBE, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, SHERLOCK HOLMES; MANKALA/ZETA CHALLENGER; FANGEN (Ravensburger); RUCK-ZUCK (Rav.); SPHINX (Rav.); WETTFLUG (Rav.) - by Alex Randolph; AB DIE POST (Rav.); QUMERO (Speer); DER SCHATZ DER INKA (Rav.); KRUZIFIZZ (Spiel mit). Small ads for BOLO'BOLO & DEMONO (Demono Spielproduktion); PLAY NET (Helmut Dressler). HAVANNAH, SLEUTH, &

(Cont. on 7/11)

13 Monday
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Letter from "P" requesting my "Tax Identification Number";

From "Dollar" rcd. notice of $126.83 entered in savings for BLOCKADE check of 7/2. (This is 2.08 DM/$ - doesn't seem great.)

Call from Curtis Slepian (while I was out). When did RUBIK'S CUBE & TRIVIAL PURSUIT become popular in U.S.A. Checked & it was '80 & '82. Called Curtis w. the info. Asked, and he transferred me to Scott Marley. He is still working on the ~~classic~~ abbreviated list to replace GAMES 100. He'll send it this wk. and we'll get together early next wk.

~~Call~~ from Ben Maurais. The package w. SEMPER FI didn't come yet. Hopefully tomorrow - and he'll call when it comes. Told him abt. my idea for the "medallions" and he liked it.

Visit from Soucie's - for afternoon & supper - picking them up & leaving them at Co-op City. Played TAKEOVER and they liked it enough to play it a 2nd time.

Made an arrangement for just 12 "combination cards" for DOSSIER - instead of the original 28.

Package from "Decipher": My models of A&B & POTA - the rules a little damaged; also dupl. copies of THE NEXT WORD & NUMBER QUEST

Call from Herb Levy. Because of some repairs they need our date was changed to Weds. evening.

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He picked up a copy of BATTLE FOR MOSCOW - a free introductory game by "GDW"; history of "GDW" included; also a partial catalog w. A HOUSE DIVIDED, BLUE MAX, THE NORMANDY CAMPAIGN, OPERATION MARKET-GARDEN, CASE WHITE, TRAVELLER, TRAVELLER: 2300, TWILIGHT: 2000, COMMAND DECISION, JOHNNY REB, HARPOON II, THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA, ROMMEL: BATTLES FOR TOBRUK, CHALLENGE Mags. Most of the games he brought back were hard-core war games, but he showed me some of the others. WORD FOR WORD (Spell-craft Corp., 25 Mabelle Ave., Suite 902, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada M9A 4Y1) he'll run repro of rules for me; they joined "G.A." - SHANGHAI TRADER & WARLORDS (Panther Games) - he gave me a flyer on the latter. We played ARCHOS (Tactical Templates) - (but he made a mistake in the rules) - he'll get me repros of the rules, and he'll also write to them suggesting that they send me one; they also did DEEP SPACE NAVIGATOR but he couldn't locate it (later found I had complete info in '84). He met Kathy Jones & tried to talk her into giving out review copies of her fancy games, but all she'd give him was some of the cardboard games. "Warren" has joined "G.A." - altho he can't understand why. "Spear" in England has also joined; he wrote to them requesting HEXTENSION & JUNGLE - I suggested asking for FLUTTER. I asked him which games he really liked this yr.: CHARADE PLUS! - the parts fit well; TV WARS; SUE FOR A MILLION - not

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l from Bill Riva: Felicia wants him to bring my GAMES to her, particularly FOREIGN INTRIGUE. He asked if I wanted them instead & I said it was up to her. Agreed that we'd meet @ her apt. on Fri., @ 10 A.M. He'll call her and either he or she will call me to confirm the date. from Felicia to say the date is on.

ed. "P. Wish List" w. covering letter from Chris Campbell. (Removed fr. folder.)

all from Diana Pasquarello at "Big Ben Games." The package w. SEMPER FI did come yesterday. They like my ideas and the way I write - and would like me to write the rules. I said sure, but they'll have to do a rough set so that I could see what they want. She'll see that I get it by 7/17 and I promised to mail the final rules by 7/20. I said that I'd limit my charges to a max of 16 hrs., but she said not worry if it goes longer and to charge for the true time. We agreed that, instead of sending me the board, they'll send me a repro,

or DOSSIER made 12 new "combination cards" and a card listing the 12 cards.

all from Rollie Tesh. The 2 people who are publishing the card games - Don Willson & John Wills - finally arranged for the financing. I should be getting a contract & an advance in a wk. or so. The 4 games to start are BRIDGETTE; a simplication of CANASTA which will probably be called MONUMENT; BANANA BLITZ a HEARTS variation; and my ALL FOR ONE. He thinks that ALL FOR ONE is a great idea, but it needs further work. After playing once or twice people don't want to play again. He thinks that some kind of an interim "reward" would be a good idea, such as clearing a pile in CANFIELD. I said that cards divided in 3 diff ways is disconcerting to people used to 2, probably - and he agreed. Told him I'd work on it, and he'll call me in abt. a wk. ame up w. idea to use only 2 divisions. Cards are moved on the layout and then the empty space is filled. A situation developed where 2 spaces could be worked back and forth. Remedied this by placing a marker on the card added, which prohibits a pile from being moved onto it. (Just a very rough description.)

alled Robin King, in answer to prior message from her. Spoke to her for abt. ~~an~~ half an hour; BB for another hour.

n talk w. him took home telephone no. for Rollie Tesh in Denver: ((303-360-9818)).

visit the Levys. Returned SPACE DICE, THE WEB, & CHECK-O. He showed me some other games that I had, but also OY VEY! (Oy Vey!) which I took [redacted] to balance our previous trade. He told me bt. ORIGINS and he found it quite worthwhile. He ran into Jack Jaffe there and Jack gave him $20 to become a member of GAMER'S ALLIANCE.

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Trying out my new ideas for ALL FOR ONE, making small changes along the way.

From Scott Manley rcd. rough listing of "Best of Year List."

Looked at the rules for X-WORD that I got from Joli Kansil a lot not clear.

Called Phil Orbanes. In conference, and called me back. Told him of my idea for a theme for CAN'T STOP. People pushing each oth to get ahead in lines for diff. activities - such as at a bank, for bargain airline tickets, for tickets to a rock concert, to get into a disco, etc. The box cover art could do a lot w. this. He liked the idea, and suggested that it could be set in Moscow where, of course, there are lines for everything. I asked if I shou get an artist to do a final model; no, just send in a descripti in writing. I asked abt. how to give credit for the Moscow idea & he said to say "as we discussed." He will be away until the end of the month so I should aim to get it in by then. Told him abt. meeting w. Joli Kansil and my coming up w. 2-hand play for X-WORD. Phil said that there is just abt. no chance of it be ing taken by "P." When he saw it last Nov. he was somewhat more encouraging, but since then they have turned down 4 ite of a similar nature (one being Ronnie Caro's GAME I am quite sure) that were simpler & they liked better. Actually they are having trouble w. new word games. BOGGLE BOWL is not moving wel at all; told him I didn't care for its look, but I don't have a co to try the play; he'll get one right out to me. FUN CITY & INSTANT REPLAY are not ready yet. Told him abt. GAMES 100 be ing cut drastically. He asked if I knew Bob Smith from Austral Told him abt. my letters from Smith, and abt. others who have heard from him. We both agreed that he must be a little off - or a great co man. Smith sent Phil the poem on me that Jack Jaffe mentione Phil told Smith that he should send a copy to me. Smith keeps bugging them that they should republish MOVIE MAKER (which w by "P." of England) and other old games such as KIMBO, etc. Af he praised it a lot they sent Smith a copy of CASTLE RISK; Th he sent them 8 pages of questions on it.

[For visit to Levy's that happened today, see yesterday.]

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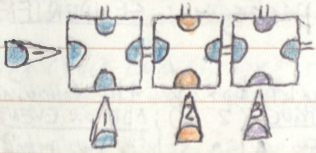

Came up w. this idea for the TAKEOVER board (see 6/16 for the colors corresponding to the numbers).

Call fran Raymond Soucie: He got a long call from Jürgen Hagedorn and they agreed to an advance. Jürgen said that they were discontinuing BLOCKADE and are selling out their stock; it will be re-packaged in a few yrs. They are sending a letter to me today. Raymond suggested my calling Jürgen, since he just hung up. I asked, and Raymond gave me the telephone no. ($1.94)

Jürgen Hagedorn
011-49-607-125-031

Called Jürgen Hagedorn & Joe Nikisch answered. Hagedorn on another line & he'll call me back. A few minutes later Nikisch called back @ Hagedorn's request. The contract for DIE 1. MILLION/MONAD is on the way. He will send me 10 copies of BLOCKADE, altho I said that 6 would be enough. I mentioned the mat'l. that Hagedorn said he would send me (see 10/7/86); Nikisch said he'd include these in the package. I asked, and DIE 1. MILLION is not quite finished yet. I asked a bt. the dice game - SOLITAIRE DICE etc. - they are looking for a "partner." Told him I hoped to see him at N.Y. TOY FAIR.

Tried to call Raymond Soucie to tell him, but - as I learned - the phone was off the hook. Raymond called me. In his talk w. Hagedorn he asked for $100 advance & they agreed on DM850. The 10 copies of the game - LINES OF ACTION/LOA had been changed to 6 and Raymond got it up to 12. He also limited it to worldwide German rights. Actually Hagedorn seemed agreeable to anything he asked for. We'll call the other as anything happens.

Rcd. 3 copies of Aug/Sept. GAMES: Letter from a reader w. a variation of CHINESE CHECKERS that he found in J&S. Letter w. a routine way to get a perfect score in SCORE UP; w. an ed's way of varying it. Article by Burt Hochberg on "Infocom" w. mentions of ADVENTURE (not by Infocom); ZORK (I-II-III); INFIDEL; SUSPECT; PLANETFALL; LEATHER GODESSES OF PHOBOS; TRINITY; A MIND FOREVER VOYAGING; HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY; HOLLYWOOD HIJINX; FOOBLITZKY; excert from LEATHER GODESSES OF PHOBOS. Reviews of STEPPE (DMR Games); JITTERS (MB); SARACEN (Datasoft); PORTAL (Activision); WABBIT WEVENGE (Pacesetter, Ltd.); KINGS & THINGS (West End), BLOOD BOWL (Games Workshop), CHAINSAW WARRIOR (Games Workshop). Small ads: TETRAD (Green Cheese Publications); NEMESIS (Crystalline Creations, Inc.) - a computer GO program; CHINESE CHESS (Lester Fox's Games of Quality); Computer versions of GO, BATTLESHIP, TIC-TAC-TOE (Gedanken Systems, Inc.); FLEET MANEUVERS (Fantastic Simulations); NEWSLAND (Newsland); "Club" called GAME LOVERS. Rear cover ad for CHASE ~~THE~~ (TSR) - w. plugs from OMNI, GAMES, & GAME PLAYERS MONTHLY (?).

cd. SPIELBOX (Juni/Juli '87). Ad for AUF ACHSE (F.X. Schmid). Ad for

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Muñoz-Rivera's Birthday (P.R
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Rcd. card back from "Big Ben Games" that package w. SEMPER FI was delivered on 7/13, (Discarded.)
abt. 9:45

To Felicia's; Bill Riva there later. He brought box w. the follow samples he made of my games: FOREIGN INTRIGUE (2 of); ODD OR EVEN NEAT FIT; ONE GOOD TURN; DOMINO BEAD GAME. Also folder w. mor pictures of my games, etc. Just glanced at these - and after B left Felicia & I agreed that when I picked her up for "City Is Sand I'd take the box to check everything for completeness. For long, long lunch across the street @ "Bloomsbury." Bill kept insisting that I came up w. a gimmik; Felicia and I said that I couldn't do any thing that wasn't my thing. Bill said he'd send me a list of everything he had of mine in Switzerland. If anyone is interested in anything he will let me know & I'll inform him if it is still available. He has sent out loads of pictures of my item w. very few answers - "U.K." said "no" to TAKE-A-WORD; Bill mentioned a card word game from South Africa called VIP - it's not bad. Earlier he mentioned that he had 2 copies of the Schmidt "BAZAAR" that he said he'd send me - but when he later sai how busy he was packing to leave for England Sunday I didn't remi him. Bill took bus from restaurant & I went back w. Felicia. Left abt 4 P.M.

To "West End Games." Spoke to Eric Goldberg. He & Greg Costikyan are leaving over "irreconsilable different" w. the owner - but they are staying around for an orderly transition - and until they find where they are going. Eric still has the power to sign binding contracts. Eric introduced me to Curtis Smith, who will be head of "R&D." said hello to Doug Kaufman (who apparently didn't stay down south w. his girl friend). Spoke to Lee Gelber; he likes IT'S A DEAL, but feels some of the play is "busy"; spoke abt. him and possibly others coming here in abt. 2 wks. to look at product; he wants to go into the general market w. 3 items. Eric asked Curtis to keep me on their "freebee" list. Eric heard from somebody at "ASS" - a gal - abt IT'S A DEAL abt. a month ago; he told her she'd have to contact me and gave her the info; since she hasn't he thinks that she may have contacted Walter Luc Haas.

BB got call from Larry Mass. Nothing special he said, and he'll call again Mon. Also call from Chuck Luchsinger asking abt. "Schaper."

Playing ALL FOR ONE and it seemed that w. careful attention I could win most of the time. Thinking of not allowing the card w. the marker to be moved, as well as not allowing it to be covered. Or keeping track of the number of times it is moved, up to a max. of 5. A scoring system for a series of games could be as follows: Score 5 pts. for a win, minus one pt. for each time marked card is moved; deduct one pt. for each loss. Another possible addition: after "winning" try to consolidate as much as possible, scoring one more pt. for each space emptied.

Saturday 18 July 1987

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Rcd. letter from Warren Holland on the status of REACH.

called Chuck Luchsinger. Told him abt. "Schaper/MB." Read off the items in the "MB" catalog: neither TICKLE BEE or STADIUM CHECKERS there.

Visit from the Corns bringing rules for WORLDMASTER - typed, since he didn't think it would repro; (also a lot of red pepper). Played TAKEOVER - they liked it better, but still not crazy abt. it. I asked which games Ronnie really liked this yr. and all he could come up w. are JITTERS & HOSTAGE. We played EXIT (see 6/6): @ my suggestion, he added 6 "wild" cards - 3,3,4,4,4,5 - which can be used as any color; however he added a rule that in order to use one it must be paired w. a card of the color it represents; he also gives 5 pts. to the player who reaches the exit; played w. each player being first once, & final score — B 54, A 52, R 41, S 26. Ronnie tried new version of ALL FOR ONE a few times, without a win. Ned Strongin was working on a trial GAME using lawyers who gave the actual result; Ronnie told Ned that noone cares what actually happens, and he came up w. a simple & diff. idea for such a game; he said he wouldn't tell me & I didn't pump him. Earlier we went to 24 family "flea market" nr. Bruckner Blvd. — nothing. Set next date for 8/22 (they have tickets on 8/15). Ronnie had letters from GAMES mag. concerning getting the extra puzzle mat'l., which we couldn't understand; I'll bring them w. me Tues. to ask there. Ronnie also interested in how DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX works; couldn't locate it quickly, and we'll talk abt. this too when he get back from a trip to Baltimore (I believe); he wants to make sure it doesn't have some of the ideas for his trial GAME - actually Stronger hasn't told him to go ahead w. it. Ronnie mentioned that "P" liked his X-word puzzle GAME, but gave it back - I didn't say anything abt. X-WORD. (Later discovered that I got repros of the actual WORLDMASTER rules from Ronnie on 2/21.) I asked Ronnie if he had CAVEAT EMPTOR - yes.

call from Charles Barouch (see 4/16 & 4/23). He asked if I had heard from Gary Gygax / REALMS OF ADVENTURE, since other people have been. No - he'll check into it; he did send them my S&T repros. The new co. is "New Infinities" and (I believe) they have done TOWN OF BALDEMAR - a suppl. for RPGs - and QUANTUM LINK - some kind of a computer game w. thousands of players (??).

BB played ALL FOR ONE and couldn't win a game until I played w. her.

Ronnie Corn asked if I knew what NEWSLAND in Aug./Sept. GAMES was; no - I'll try to find out.

19 Sunday

July 1987

Sixth Sunday after Penteco

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~~Dale & Phil here. Gave me 12 boxes for Father's Day.~~
~~Remembered that Jerry Slocum was at Hudson River Museum today~~
~~Called & spoke to him. He'll be in N.Y.C. for the wk. He'll call abt~~
~~getting together.~~

~~BB & I made list of 14 "lines" for possible use in CAN'T STOP.~~

Monday 20 July 1987

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all from Diana Pasquarello. The SEMPER FI mat'l. is being sent by "Fed. Express" to reach me tomorrow.

ltr letter from Jack Jaffe w. the poem that Robert Smith wrote abt. me. Also his ad for THE LONDON GAMES FAIR; 10/9 to 10/11.

Looked @ the following games & made notes on a separate sheet &/or on the sheet rcd. on 7/15 from Scott Marley: CHARADE PLUS, CROSSBID, TRAVERSE, KAGE, NAIPES ESPECIAL, JAGGER, GREED, MIAMI DICE, DOMINEW, CRIME BUSTERS, ELFQUEST, CONGLOMERATE, EDUCATED GUESS, STRIKE! PRICE, THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR, LEGEND OF CAMELOT, MEGA-RAIDER, SCEPTRE 1027 A.D., INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE, TV WARS, QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE, JITTERS, MURDER SHE WROTE, CRIME SOLVERS, ANNEX, THE NEXT WORD, CHASE (TSR), MAGIC 4, BAZAAR, NO DICE, JAGGER, DOMINEW, CHEKIT, RUBIK'S MAGIC.

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. Asked if I had info on price for SUPER CHESS - found it in NOST-ALGIA. He is reviewing it. There are new rules (which I am quite sure he said he wrote for them) and he'll give me a repro tomorrow.

Call from Felicia, which BB took. Something abt. a VCR that Chuck Lucksinger bought for her being stolen (??).

Call from Rollie Tesh. For ALL FOR ONE he had an idea for a scoring variation. When a horizontal row is completed a card can be taken from elsewhere and placed outside to form a "scoring column." He also ~~[illegible]~~ prefers to keep the 3 diff. classifications. He said he'd call again today w. info on a contract & advance for me. (Didn't.)

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Call from Rollie Tesh during day & then another when I got back. He wants me to send them a copy of a contract that I have signed: Told him of my new idea for ALL FOR ONE. He told me that in their CANASTA variation the theme will be the "Nine Nations" that mainland U.S. can be considered to be divided into. For BANANA BLITZ / HEARTS the 4 suits will be diff. fruits, and they'd like some ideas for special cards.

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21 Tuesday 7/20

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Liberation Day (Guam)

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Rcd. 2 packages ~~[redacted]~~ from "P." w. BOGGLE BOWL & INSTANT REPLAY. (After I left.

Rcd. "Fed. Express" package w. into on SEMPER FI - repro of my notes w. their notes added, repro of the board, and letter from Diana Pasquavello.

Found Sept. '87 ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (BB not sure when it came), Clipped Matthew Costello's column: SEGA MASTER SYSTEMS w. RAMBO GAME, NINJA, BLACK BELT, FANTASY ZONE, SAFARI; w. mention of NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM. Clipped ad for MINI CAR WARS (Steve Jackson Games) - a $1.00 intro to CAR WARS.

w. Wayne Schmittberger & Scott Marley.

To GAMES. Spoke abt. the following at the office & at a Chinese restaurant up the block: BAZAAR & EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE - there is an 800 no. for people to find out where to get "Discovery Toys" items; SUPER CHESS - Wayne ~~[redacted]~~ likes and gave me new set of rules - he is not happy that they will use this set a little reduced in size in the game; FIRST TO FIVE - played w. ~~[redacted]~~ Wayne & not bad; LEMMA; TV WARS; SCEPTRE 1027 AD; SAVE THE PRESIDENT; BOX OFFICE - Scott prefers BROADWAY; CROSSBID - they have new rules (but don't think I looked @ them); NAIPES ESPECIAL; CHASE - the "TSR" edition is same as the previous; DOMINEW - Scott doesn't have rules (?); KAGE - Scott suggested a "draw" instead of the "math out" bother - Scott & Wayne played while I watched, but didn't care for it much; ELFQUEST - they'll look at. Wayne (I believe) said that Bruce Whitehill went to "Mattel" to be in charge of "R&D"; I asked and they didn't receive CATHEDRAL from "Mattel." Don't remember details, but PHILOSOPHER'S FOOTBALL came up - it is in WINNING WAYS. Wayne rewrote the rules for YOUR MONEY making it much ~~[redacted]~~ less "work" - it probably will be coming from "Games Gang"; they are doing a new improved SHOGI edition. The "reader's" letter on CHINESE CHECKERS variation is actually by Wayne - in Aug./Sept. '87 issue; Wayne gave me a "Deluxe" edition which will be the collection copy. Looked at INTELLIGENCE GAMES (Simon & Schuster) by Franco Agostini & Nicola Alberto De Carlo - don't remember much, but pretty sure it wasn't very interesting. Looked at Scrabble Brand WORD RUMMY (S&R) - and copied the rules & letter distribution (in box top so couldn't be reprod). Made repros of the following: FIRST TO FIVE (Tedco, Inc.) - complete info; THE COUCH POTATO GAME (Couch Potato Partnership/TDC Games) - complete info; PRO FRANCHISE (Rohrwood, Inc.) - some parts missing, but they were probably missing in the prototype copy there; WYKERSHAM (in2 games) - complete info; TWENTY QUESTIONS (University Games) - rules & 8 cards; SOLARQUEST (Western Publ. Co.) - rules & rough repro of board; TV SCRABBLE (S&R) - rules only. Brought Wayne the copy of MONTAGE that I rcd. from Martin Gardner on 12/6/73 (and I put the letter from Soli Kansil to Martin in Martin's file under today's date). Asked Wayne, and he told me the subscription info to tell to Ronnie Corn - just send in the fee mentioned and that should give him the deluxe issues for as long as he is presently paid up for.

Call from Claude & I called him back. Spoke abt. date on 8/1. He got a game for me @ "Harper's Ferry" - NATIONAL PARK WIT.

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St. Mary Magdalene

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lled PLAYTHINGS. The "Directory Issue" is not ready yet. Told gal that I didn't have June issue. She said she'd send one. Checked & I do have June; called to tell her. (Don't have July however.)

d. "Battat" price changes (discarded). (same as 2/17)

d., in answer to PLAYTHINGS request, folder from "S. Alden Inc." w. info on: THE LAND DOWN UNDER; WE THE PEOPLE; ELVIS; THE PLAZA GAME; LAS VEGAS: THE GAME; NYC: THE BIG APPLE; BEVERLY HILLS: THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE;

etter from Hannelore Ganslandt. Enclosed page from BÖRSENBLATT w. review of "Hugendubel's" DENKSPIELEN - MITEINANDER GEWINNEN - translated by Walter Luc Haas; some info on me. In letter Hannelore says she will be going w. Brigitte Rek to a party given by Thomas Knifflev.

alled GAMES; Scott Marley out taking pictures of games for the article. Spoke to Wayne Schmittberger and told him abt. getting INSTANT REPLAY, and gave him telephone nos. in case they didn't.

Called Susan Black @ "U.S. Playing Cards." Not at her desk, and left my no. for her to call me.

Call from Mike Gray. I asked abt. SHOGUN and it should come in Aug. They are looking at some deductive GAMES that came from the U.K. I mentioned my NETWORK and he said I should get it together ASAP; he'll check w. Mike Meyers & call me. In the conversation it came up that he'd like a copy of P's 1863; told him that I was pretty sure I had a dupl.

Thinking abt. BANANA BLITZ. The special cards could be "Fruit Salad." They can let you pass a banana to another player, or to stand in for a banana if you are going for them all.

Call fr. Felicia asking abt. "tax yr.", etc.

2nd call from Felicia: She rcd. a check for $1,074.58
from "A.H." for ACQUIRE foreign royalties. $ 161.19 (for I.S.)
I'm to call her w. how much to send me. $ 913.39 (for me)
[These were tomorrow.]

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($10,26)

Called Walter Luc Haas at his new home. Because of less space he sold his "Europa" business. I asked if he had heard from "ASS" abt. IT'S A DEAL (see 7/17) - nothing. A asked abt. payment for KRAWELL IM PARADIES in SPIELBOX; he hasn't been paid yet for his work in that ~~issue~~ issue. Since in their new place he can't turn of the ring in Hani's room, he asked me to hang up after one ring when I call him late at night. Spoke abt. the new items in our countries, and we each said there was nothing special.

Playing some ALL FOR ONE by myself.

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Rcd. July '87 PLAY THINGS. Clipped: ad for PICTIONARY (Pictionary Inc, Games Gang, Ltd.); Pc. on SOLARQUEST (Western Publ.) - info card; Pc. on CLOUT! (Scofield Games) - info card; MR. GAMESHOW (Lewis Galoob Toy) info card; TEST DRIVE (A.C. Taylor) - info card; U.S.A. TRIVIA (Boynton Games); GRAM-R-FUN (V.I.P. Games); QUEST FOR THE IDEAL MATE (A.H.), (Actually didn't send info card until 8/20.)

Rcd. J&S #46. Ad for MHING (Gogny Goubert). Ad for ARMADA (Jeux Descartes). Article on CARCRASH. Articles on tournaments: CHESS, DAMES, BRIDGE. Reviews: CROISADES (Rexton); STORMBRINGER (OriHam); Chaosium); CHILL (Schmidt); CHILL: LE MANOIR DES TÉNÈBRES (Schmidt); MHING (Gogny Goubert); SHARK (The Flying Turtle); PIRATES INC (Franckh); RESTAURANT (The Flying Turtle); CROSSCHESS (Crosschess). Article on Electronic CHESS. Ad for RUBIK'S MAGIC (Matchbox). Article on games in China, W. GO, GOMOKU, RENJU, XIANGQI, SHOGI, TONGQI, WUHUQI, HUNHEQI, ANIMALS CHESS; several card games, rules for ZHENGSHANGYOU. Ad for 50 JEUX AVEC DU PAPIER ET DES CRAYONS and the other 5 books. Article on BACKGAMMON "Dans les Salons du XIXe Siecle" - CHESS, WHIST, MALILLE, LE JACQUET, Casino games, Complete game - LA GUERRE DES MAGICIENS. Ad for CARCRASH. Article on BALANCE OF POWER (Starsoft). "Jeux Pour Micros": F-15 STRIKE EAGLE (Microprose); LES PASSAGERS DU VENT No 2: L'HEURE DU SERPENT (Infogrames); MARCHE A L'OMBRE (Infogrames); REUSSITES - TRIANGLE, LUNE BLEUE, CLEF DE VOÛT (France Image Logiciel); MAITRE DES MOTS (Loriciels); GUNSHIP (Microprose); RELIEF ACTION (Loriciels); FLASH (Loriciels); HISTOIRE D'OR (Cobra Soft); LE CHEVALIER BLANC (Cobra Soft); MISSIONS EN RAFALE (France Image Logiciel); DON CAMILLO (Free Game Blot); ROBINSON CRUSOE (Coktel Vision); ALTAIR (Ere Informatique); INT (Infogrames); ARKANOID (France Image Logiciel). Rules for MEURTRE AU MANOIR and a program. Ads by "Ere Informatique" for SRAM, PHALSBERG, MACADAM BUMPER. "Cache-Cache" w. rules for following; COUPLES SECRETS (by François Pingaud); FURET (from TRESPASS by "Palitoy") INCOGNITO (Schmidt International); LABYRINTHE (C. Mayers). Article on MÉGA. Columns on CHESS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BRIDGE, GO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO.

Rcd. 2nd notice to renew J&S subscription.
Rcd. "memo" from "SUPREMACY Games" announcing 3 Expansion Sets.
Rcd. letter from Michael Avon Weinberg w. brief description of his 3-D COLORED OTHELLO. Also repros of his letters to Wayne Schmittberger "Mikhail Gorvechev" (!!), and others. (Don't think that I will answer.)

[See yesterday for 2 calls from Felicia.]

Call from Diana Pasquarello to see if I rcd. the package on SEMPER FI; yes. Told her that she could use my name in their promotions - but that I'd want to see it first. Call from Ben Maurais. Told him I was going over the SEMPER FI mat'l. and had some questions. He said to call Jeff Facione.
Prepared a list of questions to ask Jeff Facione abt. Called him - supposed to call back but didn't. Started writing SEMPER FI rules.

Rcd. corrected copy of NO DICE - w. note from Sophia Raha.

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Friday 24

Pioneer Day (Utah)

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lled Jeff Paciane. Not in and spoke to Diana Pasquarello. Went over all the questions I found yesterday on SEMPER FI. (Abt. 29 min.), ($7.06)

alled Felicia w. am't, she has to send me an ACQUIRE royalty.

etter from Gary Sherbell w. flyers on SUE FOR A MILLION giving plugs by a CHESS master & same BRIDGE experts (in "misc. letters" folder).

cd. ANALOG (Sept. '87). Ad for OGRE (Steve Jackson Games). Article on "Cellular Automata", w. John Horton Conway's GAME OF LIFE; also mention of FLIBS in 11/85 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. Matthew Costello reviews "Robotic Workshop" - which is not a game at all.

cd. package delivery of "Gifts & Decorative Accessories" - July '87 - put out by "Geyer-McAllister" - the publ. of PLAYTHINGS (??).

Working on rules for SEMPER FI.

Call from Warren Holland. He wants to do REACH under the name SACKSON'S SQUARES - the circles will be replaced by top views of cubes. To advertise INK BLOTZ they have made a deal w. the one who plays "Frazer the psychologist" on "Cheers." He is setting up tournaments for NO DICE & for THE NEXT WORD - this one on a huge board w. pictures being taken from way above. BOGGLE Bowl & the "Coleco" takeover of "S&R" came up and I told him I had some good word GAMES if he ever wants to do another. He has taken over handling the tube version of PENTE from "P." We spoke abt. "Pressman" taking over THERAPY THE GAME. He is working on a deal to do a GAME based on the animated figures in "The California Raisins" commercials. He has been selected as "Bachelor of the Month" for the Nov. issue of COSMOPOLITAN Mag. Gary Gabriel was once a "Bachelor of the Month."

25 Saturday
July 1987

New Moon
Constitution Day (P. R.)
St. James the Elder
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Rcd. envelope from Herb Levy. GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT (Summer '87) Reviews of KNIGHTS OF THE AIR (A.H.); VICEROYS (Task Force Games); KINGS & THINGS (West End Games); TV WARS (A.H.); QUINX (Xanadu Leisure CHARADE PLUS! (Halkol Limited Partnership); NO DICE (Decipher, Inc.); ANNEX (Sterling Games); THE NEXT WARD, w. mention of NUMBER QUEST (Decipher, Inc.); SCEPTRE 1027 A.D. (Horizon Games, Inc.); MEGA-RAIDER (Universal Games); PRESIDENT ELECT (1988 EDITION) (SSI); GURPS (BASIC SET) (Steve Jackson Games); SUE FOR A MILLION (Laurad Games): "Information Center" - "New releases" - SOLDIERS, PARANOIA (2ND EDITION) (West End Games); ONSLAUGHT: D-DAY TO THE RHINE (TSR); BRITANNIA, YANKS, PLATOON, PATTON'S BEST, RAID ON ST. NAZAIRE (A.H.); SCORCHED EARTH (GDW); CENTRAL AMERICA: THE UNITED STATES' BACKYARD WAR (Victory Games); ROGUE TROOPER (Games Workshop); BATTLEFORCE (FASA Corp.); DEEP SPACE NAVIGATOR, ARCHOS (Tactical Templates) - "Steve Jackson Games" will do (ISAAC ASIMOV PRESENTS -) STAR TRADERS - "West End Games Helena Rubinstein resigning & Scott Palter the new president - "GDW", BATTLE FOR MOSCOW - "Charles Roberts Awards" @ ORIGINS, CHICAMAUGA (West End Games), FORTRESS AMERICA (MB), KINGS & THINGS (West End Games), GETTYSBURG, THE TURNING POINT (SSI), KOREAN WAR (Victory Games), "Hall of Fame Award", Lou Zocchi - New Eran "Electronic Arts"; CHUCK YEAGER'S ADVANCED FLIGHT SIMULATOR & EARL WEAVER BASEBALL. Also: Flyer for SHANGHAI TRADER (Panther Games); ARCHOS (Tactical Templates) rules repro; WORD FOR WORD (Spellcraft Corp.) rules repro.

Called Mike Gray. He intended to call me yesterday, but didn't get around to it. He spoke to Mike Meyers abt. my deduction game (WIRETAP); Meyers has to look at the ones from the U.K., but he isn't really interested, at least not for '88. The only thing that Meyers is interested in is a "family" game - which Gray is working on. Told Mike that there is a 2nd deductive game of mine - DARN CLEVER - in case Meyers is interested for '89. I asked for copy of the 2nd edition rules for AXIS & ALLIES, that was mentioned in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT - he'll send me one. I asked, and SHOGUN should be coming in Aug.

Called Ronnie Carr. Told him what Wayne Schmittberger said abt. his subscription, etc.; that DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX was reviewed in 2/'86; that Wayne didn't know anything abt. NEWSLAND - which Ronnie asked abt. on 7/18. I asked abt. selling computer GAMES - for Phil Friedman's brother-in-law; get mags. for the computer he works with.

Finished the rules for SEMPER FI.

To visit the Laurences, Annette, w. advice from the rest of us, played the old version of ALL FOR ONE; twice she was very close and then she won the 3rd. Showed her the scoring version, but she didn't finish since it was getting late. (Later thinking of a new idea for the old version. Place the marker on the card just placed, which prohibits the next card from being placed on it.

Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Sunday 26

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July 1987

ale & Phil here, came me 12 boxes for Father's Day.
remembered that Jerry Slocum was at Hudson River Museum today.
Called & spoke to him. He'll be in N.Y.C. for the wk. He'll call abt.
getting together.

B & I made list of 14 "lines" for possible use in CAN'T STOP.

27 Monday

July 1987

Barbosa's Birthday (P.R.)
Hurricane Supplication Day (V.I.)
208/157

Letter from Warren Holland w. artist's idea for the pcs. for BEACH / SACKSON'S SQUARES. I added an idea of my own.

Call from Rollie Tesh - abt. ALL FOR ONE undoubtedly, but can't remember details

Call from Larry Mass. They are interested in a puzzle to be marketed under the Ernö Rubik name by "Matchbox." I'll look to see what I have and he'll call to check if I find anything

To "P.O." & sent rules for SEMPER FI to Diana Pasquarello by "Express Mail" ($10.75). Sent bills to Ben Maurais & to Diana Pasquarello.

Call from Felicia to see if I rcd. the "A.H." check; no.

Tuesday 28 July 1987

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lled Diana Pasquarello to tell her of leaving off the special no. on the invoice I sent last night — not to worry. Also told her the rules were sent by Express Mail yesterday.

lled "P." abt. "Certificate of Compliance." Just send it back saying I am a free-lance inventor. (See 7/6a)

cd. WHITE DWARF (91 July). Reviews of BLOOD ROYALE (Games Workshop) & several RPG supplements. Ad for BLOOD ROYALE - invented by Derek Carver. Article on CALL OF CTHULHU. Ad for ADVANCED RUNEQUEST (G.W.). Article on WARHAMMER. A MATTER OF PRIDE - a D&D adventure, LITTLE LOST WARBOT - A PARANOIA adventure. Article on WARHAMMER - another. Another CALL OF CTHULHU article. Article on PENDRAGON. Ad by "Creations Unlimited" for THE MAZE OF ZAYENE - w. 4 "adventures" BLOOD ON THE SNOW - a WARHAMMER scenario. Ads by "G.W." for ROGUE TROOPER & STORMBRINGER.

etter from Rollie Tesh abt. ALL FOR ONE, w. mention of BANANA BLITZ & their CANASTA variant. Also check for $500 from "Sports Games International Unlimited"

etter from Jürgen Hagedorn; contract for DIE 1. MILLION/MONAD; sending me package; SOLITAIRE DICE, etc. still not completed. Check for DM 136.66 for BLOCKADE, which is being dropped, for 1st half '87.

From Felicia rcd. check for $913.39 - for ACQUIRE foreign (see 7/23). Called to let her know it arrived. (Later this was destroyed - see 7/29)

Call from Rollie Tesh. Among other things (which don't recall details of) he asked if I knew abt. GAME INVENTORS OF AMERICA. Told him I'd try to find out.

Call from Larry Mass. Told him abt. NINE OF SWORDS. He is interested & will arrange to come to see it.

Called Raymond Soucie and discussed the ~~contract~~ changes I will make in the contract I am sending to Jürgen Hagedorn for DIE 1. MILLION/MONAD.

Called Herb Levy. Asked him if he knew abt. GAME INVENTORS OF AMERICA. Yes, it is something Steve Peek set up in connection w. ~~giving~~ his involvement w. independent game inventors/manufacturers. (Pretty sure) he gave DICT. as an example; he also mentioned Terry Farrugia (where does he fit in?). Asked Herb what he has picked up lately; S.O.B. (SAVE OUR BUREAUCRATS), ALL MY CHILDREN, and one other (that I forget) GAME.

29 Wednesday

July 1987

Rcd. EUREKA (International Team) – from Larry Mass. 210/15

Call from Jerry Slocum. Spoke abt. getting together and arranged th I'll go to the Hudson River Museum tomorrow, abt. 2 P.M. to meet him there. He has PROSPERITY TRANSPORT, SPICS, and the 5x5 RUBIK'S CUBE. I'll bring some NINE OF SWORDS. I asked abt. SPECTACULARS, but he didn't want any more. Looked for copie of NINE OF SWORDS and could find only a box w. 5.

Made changes in contract for DIE 1. MILLION/MONAD in line w. my discussion w. Raymond Soucie. BB got repro at "Avista." She also got repros of my contract w. "Stancraft" for TEMPO, INTERPLAY, & ODD OR EVEN – to give to Don Willson.

In checking on NINE OF SWORDS found that I gave copies to the follwi Herb Siegel on 6/25/71; Edith Slotkin on 3/25/72; John H. Conway on 9/7/72.

At "Chemical" got a check for extending JES subscriptim – w. th service charge it cost $55,88.

Played ALL FOR ONE w. BB.

Call from Felicia. Her bank told her that the check "A.H." sent t her was actually made out to me. She'll mail it to me & I de stroyed the one I got yesterday

Call from Claude, abt. out date Sat.
Call from Robin King – can't remember details.

Thursday 30

July 1987

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d. letter from Dana Lombardy w. his new address & tel. no. (in misc. letters). Enclosed flyer for GAME INVENTORS OF AMERICA (in '87 misc. folder). [redacted]

ecking the 5 NINE OF SWORDS models & found that I had a broken "R" sword. Glued it in place, but it still is obvious.

posited BLOCKADE check in "Dollar."

"Hudson River Museum," spoke to Jerry Slocum and saw the exhibit; took some folders. Made the following trades: good set of NINE OF SWORDS for 5×5 RUBIK'S CUBE; broken set for SPICS. He didn't have rules for PROSPERITY TRANSPORT (Gibson's) - it seemed to be a knock-off of TOURING w. a theme of shipping cargoes w. various tonnages in England - didn't take it. He gave me rough info on a GAME w. stacking pcs.; if I am interested he'll send me more info on it. Met Sharon K. Emanuelli who was the curator in L.A. setting up the exhibit & who now is working for this museum. Met Lynn Ames who writes for the "Westchester" section of the TIMES; she took my name & phone no. Jerry told me that there was an article in TIMES of 6/26 & that Ames article will be in 8/8. Jerry was at the Calgary meeting last July (see 3/18/86 & 3/29/86) that was set up by Richard Guy - one of the authors of WINNING WAYS; David Singmaster and many others were there.

31 Friday

July 1987

212/153

Letter from Derek Carver. Description of his BLOOD ROYALE - which he originally called DYNASTIES. Mentions of Ian Livingstone; BROADWAY; TV WARS; KREMLIN; AUF ACHSE; Belgian game-cross between ACQUIRE & BROKER.

Got idea for how the "arrow thru coke bottle" puzzle might have been done - the arrow soaked in water so it could be squeezed thru the holes. Called Jerry Slocum @ his hotel, and he called me back. He said I was on the right track. Spoke abt. the stacking GAME he gave me info on - it is by Jan-Olov Nordberg in Sweden; when he gets the chance he'll send me info on the make-up of the pcs.

Returned signed DIE 1. MILLION / MONAD contracts to Jürgen Hagedorn. Note enclosed mentioning Raymond Soncie; package sent to me; BLOCKADE; Joe Nikisch. ($1.32)

Returned "Certificate of Compliance" to "Ms. Janice Dufresne" w. following note: "I checked by phone with someone at Parker Brothers and was told that, since I am a free-lance game inventor, this doesn't apply to me. Sincerely" (see 7/6 & 7/28).
Sent my Tax ID no. to "Ms. Susan T. Greene" (see 7/13).

Call from Ben Maurais. He is very happy with the rules for SEMPER FI. He tried different cos. & found that "Patch Products" gave him the best deal for manufacturing the game. One problem is that Jeff Pacione thinks there should be 150 chits (chips) and that is quite expensive. I told him to use 35 white chips (1 pt.), 15 red chips (5 pts.), & 15 blue chips (10 pts.) - and even this could be trimmed a little. He was thrilled. I asked, and my bills were fine - the checks should be out 30 days after they rcd. the bills. I'll be getting an advance copy of the ad mat'l. using my name - for my approval.

Call from Larry Mass. He forgot that he had said that he'd call me yesterday and asked why I called his sect. Weds. Told him, and he'll call me next wk. to arrange to get together to see NINE OF SWORDS.

Played 3-hand ALL FOR ONE w. BB & Dana. At first didn't allow a player to take an extra card when they couldn't go. But then found it was better to allow this, as in the 2-hand. Dana didn't find it too bad. Dana brought me the 7/26 TIMES article on Jerry Slocum, PUZZLES OLD AND NEW; Jack Botermans; Sharon Emanuelli; etc. (in J.S. folder)
Package from "Games Workshop" w. BLOOD ROYALE & ROGUE TROOPER. Covering letter from Jim Colton on these & some metal figures.

Saturday 1

Lammas

213/152

August 1987

Rcd. letter from Margaret Simpson of THE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE OF GAMES in Waterloo, Ontario. Mentioned article on me in GAMES mag. Enclosed a lot of clipping etc. - Dr. Elliot Avedon & THE STUDY OF GAMES mentioned, and much more.

Rcd. letter from "Hermann Blume" in Madrid, asking abt. possible publication of DENKSPIELEN-MITEINANDER GEWINNEN in Spain. This, of course, is BEYOND COMPETITION. Marta Bela signed the letter.

Rcd. report on AGOG - March 31, 1987. $288.66 debit. No mention of BEYOND TIC TAC TOE etc. in Germany.

To Claude's, for light lunch, ride to Rockaway, then back to their house. Played 4-hand ALL FOR ONE and Claude liked it enough to request a 2nd hand. He gave me a copy of NATIONAL PARK WIT (Interpretive Marketing Products) that he bought @ "Harper's Ferry." Call from Raymond Soucie; told him I sent my contract to "Hexagames" and he is just ready to send his. Talking w. him abt. ALL FOR ONE & SACKSON'S SQUARES; he asked abt. chances for his father's UPSTAGE; I said that WATCH or BIG FUNERAL would have better chances - and I'll try. Supper at "Glendale Diner"; left early since they had to go to church tonight.

At "Pathmark" on way home bought 2 more square pattern boxes ($1.00 each) - (& had a [redacted] scare abt. leaving briefcase in a wagon).

Visit from Laurences. Played 4-hand ALL FOR ONE and they seemed to like it.

2 Sunday

August 1987

First Quarter
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
214/151

Playing ALL FOR ONE w. BB.

Colorado Day
Civic Holiday (Canada)

Monday 3
August 1987

215/150

Rec'd. check from "Hexagames" for DM 258.49. Short message which - as far as I could translate it - was to correct a previous error(??). (Deposited it for collection @ "Dollar" tomorrow.)

Called Felicia to tell her that "A.H." check didn't come. We'll wait thru Weds.

Call from Andrew Parfitt of BBC-radio. Nick Baker has postponed his trip to the U.S. Arranged that he'd call me on 8/5 @ 10 A.M. - our time - to discuss the interview.

Called Phil Orbanes to tell him that I have been held up in sending the new ideas for CAN'T STOP - he wondered abt. not getting them. He will be out of town next wk. I aim to get it to him on or before 8/17. Actually since it would be for '89 there is no big hurry.

Called "Decipher." Warren Holland not in town and I spoke to Sophie. She suggested that I send my ideas for the art work in SACKSON'S SQUARES/ REACH by mail.

Call from Rollie Tesh. He heard from Joli Kansil, back from Ecuador. Joli is looking forward to BRIDGETTE in their new format. Joli mentioned working on a game w. me.

Call from Felicia. Olga Sokith would like to see my collection and she asked if it was O.K. for her to give Olga my number; Sure - altho I did give it to her already on 6/29.

@ 10 A.M.

Calls from Larry Mass and he finally set it up to come here on 8/10, to look at NINE OF SWORDS, and possibly one or 2 games.

Made diagrams for 2 pcs. for REACH on paper & then copied them onto cardboard. Decided that the originals looked better and will send them to Warren, keeping the cardboard pcs. as a record. BB and I working on REACH solitaires - solving all except 1.

4 Tuesday

August 1987

216/149

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8/4

Wednesday 5

August 1987

217/148

Call from Nick Baker in England. He'll be coming to the U.S. in a few months and would like to come here to interview me. He asked abt. the MONOPOLY story. In connection w. my answer suggested that he look at AGOG & that I am sure that David Pritchard has a copy. I also suggested that he contact Eamon Bloomfield & Derek Carver, but he didn't seem interested. He said that one of the series would be on the development of THE SPITTING IMAGE from a TV game to a parlor game. I asked, and of course I will get a tape (of mine or the whole series?).

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Rec'd. THE GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 5). Ad for YANKS; for BRITANNIA. Articles on KNIGHTS OF THE AIR. Article on WATERLOO. Ad for GULF STRIKE; for RUNEQUEST w. list of supplements. Article on THIRD REICH. Ad for PLATOON & picture of PATTON'S BEST. 2 scenarios for ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER. Article on B-17. Article on RICHTHOFEN'S WAR; on VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC; on SQUAD LEADER. New "Games & Parts Price List" included - which I left in the mag.

Rec'd. a folder from CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN w. press clippings etc. on GAMES CHILDREN PLAY exhibit. (Didn't take time to look at it.) Covering letter signed by Kathleen Schneider & Betsy Deisroth.

Rec'd. package from "P." w. FUN CITY. The "No Way" cards are similar to "No You Don't" cards in APOTA / IT'S A DEAL (just a coincidence).

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called me back. He is leaving at the end of the month. Gelber definitely wants to introduce 3 new games but he is constantly on the run. Eric said to call him on 8/14 @ 10 A.M. - he has a meeting at 11 A.M.

Call from Felicia. Did Olga Sokith call yet? - no. She called Chris Campbell abt. a game by another client that Chris had named TICKLE FINGERS - it was just going into a meeting. Chris asked if I was doing anything; told her I was trying to think of a SCRUPLES type - but it just isn't my thing.

Rcd. THE GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 5). Ad for YANKS; for BRITANNIA. Articles on KNIGHTS OF THE AIR. Article on WATERLOO. Ad for GULF STRIKE; for RUNEQUEST w. list of supplements. Article on THIRD REICH. Ad for PLATOON & picture of PATTON'S BEST. 2 scenarios for ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER. Article on B-17. Article on RICHTHOFEN'S WAR; on VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC; on SQUAD LEADER. New "Games & Parts Price List" included - which I left in the mag.

Rcd. a folder from CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN w. press clippings etc. on GAMES CHILDREN PLAY exhibit. (Didn't take time to look at it.) Covering letter signed by Kathleen Schneider & Betsy Deisroth.

Rcd. package from "P." w. FUN CITY. The "No Way" cards are similar to "No You Don't" cards in APOTA / IT'S A DEAL (just a coincidence).

(cont. on 8/4)

6 Thursday
August 1987

Feast of the Transfiguration
218/147

Thinking of PUSH COMES TO SHOVE as possible name for CAN'T STOP.

On "All Things Considered" heard a descendant of "Noah Webster" talking abt. his book - WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY GAME. He gives strange words w. something like 5 definitions for each - one of which is the correct.

Call from Bob Abbott, primarily to ask abt. a game that simulated a computer - which I figured was DR. NIM; he'd like to see it sometime since he is thinking of using a similar mechanism for a deductive GAME, but we didn't set a date. Because of construction on the G.W. bridge, I called off our date at his Lake Hopatcong summer home this coming Sunday. He wasn't disappointed. Actually he said that he was ready to drop out of the Mensa game group - "a bunch of weirdos, particularly Abbe." Told him I got EUREKA - he doesn't have one yet. He is getting fed up w. doing free lance games, and is thinking of trying to get a job w. a co., preferably in CA. Told him abt. "Mattel" looking, and Bruce Whitehill going there. Called Robin King to tell her that date on 8/9 was off. She is going to try to get together a "Mensa" group without Bob Abbott & Bob Wittrock, for sometime in Sept.

Call from Hank Atkins, primarily to ask if the name JUNGLE ADVENTURE had been used - not that I could find. He has a model for a variation of SORRY he calls VERY SORRY. There are gimmiks, like bridges that blow up, etc, Chris Campbell suggested that he bring another model w. the same gimmiks and a diff. theme in case "P." didn't want to use SORRY. The meeting is in a couple of wks. He hasn't been doing much. Spoke abt. Charlie Phillips, and Hank didn't know how many things he has going.

Bob Abbott got a request from Hans Van Maanen for some of his games - (see 7/7).

Friday 7 August 1987

219/146

all from "Debbie" @ "P." The motor in the copy of INSTANT REPLAY• I have is not great and they are sending me a new one. Told her to send one to Scott Marley• too. She asked if I wanted anything else, and we came up w. MONSTER MASH•, LET'S GO TO THE RACES!•, & NERF INDOOR GOLF•. Later while looking at catalog noticed picture of BIG BUCKS• on page 12 - what happened to it??

ent check for $161.19 to Felicia• for her share of ACQUIRE• foreign royalty.

all from Rollie Tesh• to ask if LIBERTY• was free as a name for the CANASTA• variation. Checked and it was listed to "Harris" the stamp people. He asked and I said I didn't care for it, I suggested REGIONS•; they have been considering REGIONS RUMMY•, which is O.K. w. a catchy following phrase. The series will be called "New American Card Classics". They are working on a new co. name to cover the move away from sports games. Spoke abt. expanding the line, or replacing those that don't do well. I gave a plug for BIG FUNERAL•; he has TRIAD• next in line - he would have put it in if they hadn't come to terms w. Sol. Kansil• for BRIDGETTE•. He is anxious to get ALL FOR ONE• complete from me ASAP.

ll from Larry Mass•. Changed date from 8/10 to 8/11 - @ 10 A.M. He'll call if there is any further change.

isit from Herb Levy• & Lynn. Asked him the 3rd game that he told me abt. getting in talk of 7/28: THE PEOPLE'S COURT GAME•. He looked @ CONCENSUS• (Scientific Game Devel. Corp.) and would love to have a copy - he particularly likes political games; (later checking and there is a good chance that I have a dupl.): at ORIGINS• someone was playing CONCENSUS• w. repro'd board & parts. I located the complete into I have on DYNASTY•. I have from Ronnie Corn•; when we go to visit next time I'll bring it so that we can check what he is missing. We looked at part of the tape of me w. Bryan Mattimore•. He brought along WHAT2IT?• (MB) and we played it - fun; Lynn was great & I came in last. He brought along DEEP SPACE NAVIGATOR• - Revised Edition, but we didn't have the time for me to compare it w. the into I had; will do it next time we go there. He heard from "Spears" that HEXTENSION• & JUNGLE• were out of the line; he wrote asking for FLUTTER•. We played 2 hands of ALL FOR ONE• without the chip "stopper"; they liked it. Set next date on 9/11.

rving day called Mel Bush's office & left word for him to call me.

tter to "Hermann Blume" (sec 8/1): DENKSPIELEN - MITEINANDER GEWINNEN•/ BEYOND COMPETITION•; BEYOND TIC TAC TOE•/ DENKSPIELEN MIT FARBSTIFTEN•; BEYOND SOLITAIRE•/ DENKSPIELEN - SPIELE FÜR EINE PERSON•; SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE•. Adressed to Marta Bela•.

8 Saturday

August 1987

220/145

To Dale's. At BB's suggestion brought along BRIDG-IT to play w, Bryan- but he didn't get it. At a fabric store got 15 brass rings (free). At a garage sale bought a tube of plastic cars, trucks, etc. (50¢) - & then gave it to Bryan; took a free plastic box here. Called Mel Bush and spoke to his wife; he called while I was out; tried a few times but couldn't get him.

Sunday 9
August 1987

Full Moon
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
221/144

Ran a calculation as to how many different possible 12 pc. puzzles there can be in SACKSON'S SQUARES® - using the 60 pcs., without the 4 one-color pcs., came up w. 349.8 billion.

At CBI bazaar on Crary Ave. bought POLYDRON® construction set (Polydron UK Ltd.) ($3.00).

Called Mel Bush®. I'll send him the "NYS Tax" info I rcd. on 8/4 - I rcd. 2 copies. (Mailed it tomorrow.)

Called Claude®. Tentative date for 8/16. He thanked me for the book of tasteless jokes I brought last time. Told him I brought it by mistake - that I thought he had a copy - that I want him to keep it.

Started putting boxes in center of upstairs game room; 9 so far.

10 Monday

August 1987

St. Lawrence
Victory Day (R.I.)
222/143

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. He misplaced the info I found in NOST-ALGIA on price & address for SUPERCHESS - gave it to him. Spoke abt. possible games for GAMES: FIELD OF ACTION; ORGANISMS; the CHECKERS variations I did for DAISY Mag. - he'll let me know. Asked if they rcd. WHATZIT? from "MB"; he'll have Scott Marley call me when he gets in. They did get CATHEDRAL from "Mattel" and they like it. He doesn't know when they'll need more reviews from me. They decided to do STRANDED after the "50 best games of the yr." - since there are my new rules. Readers can get repros of last yr's GAMES 100 for a nominal charge. They rcd. TRAX from "U.S. Playing Cards" - in an outside box that is meant to be thrown away.

Mailed "Keough" forms to "Dollar." Tax form to Mel Bush (see yesterday).

Call from Larry Mass' sect. He'll be here tomorrow at 10 A.M.

Call from Felicia - to say she rcd. my check (of 8/7) - and to talk.

Called Scott Marley - he said that Wayne didn't tell him. I asked, & they didn't get WHATZIT? Told him I'd call & ask for copies for both of us. Asked him which "MB" games are in the "Best Games": WIN, LOSE OR DRAW; JITTERS (even tho we agreed that there should be longer words); SHOGUN - Matthew Costello got a copy to write it up.

Called Amy Howland & she called me back. I asked and she'll send copies of WHATZIT? to Scott & me; told her I played it w. Herb Levy & liked it. She has some novelties, such as "square marbles" that will be coming in soon (from "MB"?), that she wants to send me; told her it might be covered in a "Gamebit" and she'll send them to GAMES too. I thanked her for the things she sent me - "the X'Mas package" she said.

Put together 3 more boxes upstairs.

Call from "Sophie" that Warren Holland will be in N.Y.C. tomorrow & Weds., and would like to get together. Call from Warren. He is coming in for the "Gift Show" at Javits Center. I offered to go downtown to meet him but he wants to come here, to look at possible items. He has a licensing agreement to do games based on the "California Raisons" commercials; they have one worked on in-house that he'd like me to look at; he'd also like a card GAME. He has a date w. "Taft Merchandising" to arrange for some other licensing items. He'll probably be here Weds. abt. noon, and then will go on to LaGuardia. He said he liked my "views" for SACKSON'S SQUARES.

Called "Mattel" in CA. Asked for Norma Milldrum but she is no longer w. them. Asked for someone who could see abt sending me a review copy of CATHEDRAL; in a meeting now & will call me tomorrow. Then asked to speak to George Volgnakis and was transferred; also in a meeting - said that he knew me & that I'd like to talk to him abt. a GAME that Norma Milldrum saw @ TOY FAIR.

BB & Edna made another list (see 7/26) of possible "lines" for CAN'T STOP.

rvy Mass• here. Showed him NINE OF SWORDS• and he took it w. him. He was interested in whether the molds were still available; gave him Bob Hallowell's '72 telephone no., & he'll also check w. Bob Reiss• who marketed the item. Showed him TANGLED WEB•-no; he said it was something like TSUKUDA SQUARE•, which "Gabriel" introduced-from Japan-in '82; (later checked and found it was reviewed in 1/82 GAMES•). He apologized for forgetting to return my TAKEOVER• model; told him not to worry. Showed him SPACE BOXES• but no market for abstract strategy games. I brought up word games; they have placed a word GAME• w. "Coleco" that uses a gimmik that dispences square tiles; he doesn't think that the game is great, but the gimmik-which they developed-is; he thinks it would be great for a deluxe SCRABBLE• set. As for my word games, he said that since they only place them in the U.S. I could do just as well by myself-I probably know John Vernon• fr one, better than he does. Forgot to ask abt. ACROSS•. The name of their word game is MAGIC SPELL•.

ll from Roy DeVries•. Someone who got a patent in '77 for a crossword type GAME• claimed that his PAGO PAGO• violated the patent. The main argument was on the use of an erasable board, w. markers in 4 colors, and a timer. At Wayne Schmittberger's• suggestion he called to see if I knew any similar games. I suggested THE NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE GAME• (Waddingtons) but he said it was diff. He brought up a game by "TSR"-looked in last yr's catalog and it was CROSSCHECK•; it only uses one color and there is no timer. Told him that I'd do some more looking, but without spending days I couldn't be sure that I didn't miss something. His no. in case I do find something-((516-741-8986)). Looked in the evening but couldn't fin

ll from Warren Holland•. He'll be here tomorrow abt. noon, unless something comes up & he'll call.

B thought of GETTING AHEAD• as a possible new name for CAN'T STOP•. Started making a scale model of the board.

n talk w. Roy DeVries• he mentioned that an English co. tried to take over "P," but were stopped by a MA law that necessitates a one yr. waiting period.

12 Wednesday

August 1987

Rcd. notice from "Dollar" that $6333 was entered in my account for DM136.66 (see 7/28) - a lousy exchange rate!!

Rcd. mail package w. TRAX & letter from Susan Black.
Rcd. "UPS" package w. PERSONAL PREFERENCE (Broderbund Games) - w. form letter & "Broderbund News"

Call from, & then visit from Warren Holland, for lunch. He had a meeting w. Chris Campbell to talk abt. PENTE - he doesn't think that "P." will be doing anything to push their flat-box version. They did try to set up a tournament in Russia (?) but Tom Braunlich could n't get a visa (??). Warren is running a NO DICE tournament in Virginia Beach. At his request we played CAN'T STOP. He'd like to consider doing it, but told him it is being considered by "P.", If they don't do it I'll give him next chance. He asked to borrow a copy, & I gave him one (the one that had "see 4/29/87"). We played HIGH SPIRITS - 2 hand and I found, that for 2-hand play, it is too cut & dried w. one card taken at a time - I'll have to go back to allowing 1 or 2; he said that it didn't really fit the "California Raisins" idea; he'll send me a tape of the commercial and I'll try to do something at a children's level. Quick look at NOW OR NEVER, which I told him wouldn't do. Played a round of DARN CLEVER; someone sent in something similar, altho much more elaborate, so not interested. PLOW-A-WORD - played a little and he suggested colors instead of letters; thinking of some kind of a "race track" where movement is based on the colors blown off; but then a puff of wind blew everything off and we agreed it wasn't practical. CHEAT A LITTLE - no interest. HOLIDAY! - no interest. GO-DICE - he was interested in the pep version but I found that I didn't have rules or even complete info in one place; I'll have to piece it together & send it to him. Showed him FOREIGN INTRIGUE and he took it; told him that there was a slight chance that Felicia might be showing it - just let him know if anything develops. He also decided to take HIGH SPIRITS; I asked, and he definitely is doing SACKSON'S SQUARES and I will be getting a contract; 5% royalty; he prefers not to give advances, and I agreed.

Call (while Warren here) from Jill Ottinger at "Mattel." I again said that I'd like to speak to George Velanakis but she said I'd just have to send in any GAME I want them to consider. (She said that one reason Norma Milldrum wasn't there anymore was that she made too many promises.) I asked abt. a review copy of CATHEDRAL & she said I'd have to talk to Pat Spiritus ((213-978-6558)). She transferred the call and I spoke to "Rita"; Spiritus was not at her desk, and Rita took my number.

Finished the sketch of rough board for GETTING AHEAD & started a final one.

Thursday 13

August 1987

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Rcd. "Federal Express" package from "P." w.: NERF INDOOR GOLF; LET'S GO TO THE RACES; CLUE II: MURDER IN DISGUISE; INSTANT REPLAY & Dupl.-but improved turntable; MONSTER MASH - for ages 5 and up. (Packing slip says "Requested by Carol Fannon".)

Finished the GETTING AHEAD board drawing; letter to Phil Orbaugh which BB typed. Mailed these to Phil.

Letter from Bill Riva, still in the U.S. Disappointing returns on the info he sent out. Disappointment w. Felicia. Has 2 BAZAAR but can't afford to mail them. Enclosed royalty report on FOCUS from "Kenner Parker Germany" - couldn't quite understand it, but not big enough to matter much.

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS Directory Issue. Ad by "Gamescience" for dice, including ZOCCHIHEDRON 100-SIDED DICE; GAME INVENTORS OF AMERICA; "Nalpac Corp" w. PHILMONT & SCUBA; SKELLY-O (Gotham Games Inc.); RESPONSE! (Marzip, Inc.); TRAVEL BUFF (The CBE Corp.); I-QUBE & ZEUS 2-SIDED CARD GAMES (Amuse Inc.) Ad by "Yaquinto" - w. plugs by producers of CONSTRUCTION CHASE, GARAGE SALE MANIA, TRADITIONS, YOU SAID IT.

Started working on set of cards for ALL FOR ONE; Cut out the templates for the 4 shapes

Call from Eric Goldberg. Lee Gelber will not be in tomorrow. I'm to call him on 8/31 to set a date for him to come here. Eric will be leaving "West End" at the end of the month.

Call from Larry Mass (not sure this was today). They developed the game MAGIC SPELL in-house. However someone after this submitted a GAME to them which was based on bidding for letters. Altho these people don't accuse "Seven Towns" they hint that they should get a pc. of MAGIC SPELL. He asked if I knew of a published GAME that used that feature. Remembered that something had given me the idea to work on BUYWORD and told Larry to call me later. Found that it was a very old "P." game called BID (see 6/20/84). Told Larry abt. this when he called.

14 Friday

August 1987

Rcd. Aug. '87 PLAYTHINGS; clipped the following things. "New Products": RECALL (H & S Classics); CHASE (TSR); HAIL TO THE CHIEF (Aristoplay sent info card; LIVIN' IN THE U.S.A. (Toys from Texas) - info card; DICTIONARY DASH (RPM) - info card; KUMITE: THE KARATE CARD GAME (Ronin). "People": "West End Games" - Lee Gelber; Daniel Scott Palter, Eric Goldberg; Curtis Smith; "Coleco" - John A. Vernon. "Product News": DUMB LUCK; THE LOTTERY GAME (Games 'n Things) - info card; THE A-MAZE-ING LABYRINTH (Ravensburger); TWENTY QUESTIONS (University Games); "West End Games" w. "Star Wars" series - Eric Goldberg; Classified ads for games - MYDI!, CAMPAIGN (Cook Productions), some unnamed.

~~Started~~ Working on the set of cards for ALL FOR ONE and finished late at night.

Rcd. notice from "Dollar" that $121.67 was entered in my account for the DM 258.49 I rcd. from "Hexagames" on 8/3. (Lousy exchange rate!)

Call from Amy Haviland to say that WHATZIT? (MB) was sent out to me (I am pretty sure).

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. They are getting ready to move to their new, somewhat smaller, offices. I'll be able to come down to pick up games either next wk. or the one after. He'll let me know. I asked abt. my doing reviews & he said they didn't know right now what, if any, they'd need. I told him that if money was tight I'd be glad to take less payment for reviews; he said he didn't think it was that tight.

Saturday 15

Feast of the Assumption

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August 1987

rcd. personalized form letter from Bill Dohrmann at "Coleco." He is becoming "senior V.P. for Marketing for Games Division." Ron Kesselman replaces him as "V.P. Product Acquisitions."

rcd. WHATZIT? (MB) from Amy Howland (left on porch by postman!!).

called Felicia to tell her of my idea for CAN'T STOP theme & talking to Phil Orbanes & sending him the info. Read most of the letter from Bill Riva to her.

16 Sunday
August 1987

Last Quarter
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Bennington Battle Day (Vt.)
228/137

From NEWS• clipped article on THE DIET TO LOSE & WIN•, which uses cards to sort of make a game of dieting. Richard Simmons• has been advertising his similar item - but this is © '82.

To Claude's (after lunch - supper of pizza). At garage sale bought roll of packaging tape (50¢). Played ALL FOR ONE•, 3-hand & then 4-hand after Claude's nap. He has a variation of LOA• that he called CENSORSHIP - just to be contrary; I suggested SUPER LOA• which the gals preferred. Each team's 12 pcs. are numbered from 1 to 12. They are turned face down & randomly placed in the usual starting positions. Then they are turned face up. One of the players at one team starts by moving the 1 then the other team moves their 1. The partners then move the 2's, etc. until all 12 pcs. of each team have been moved, ending "phase 1." If any pc. is blocked from moving - moving along the [redacted] row is permitted - that team immediately loses. [redacted] No captures are permitted in phase 1. In 2nd phase either partner can move any of their pcs. and numbers 10, 11, & 12 can make captures - called "assassins." It was interesting, but after phase 1 it was not a partnership game any more. I suggested that the first player of each team take the odd nos. and the 2nd take the even nos. In 2nd phase players could move any of their set. Claude & I agreed on 1, 2, 11, & 12 as assassins. In first game Claude & BB won; Anne & I won the 2nd.

Monday 17

Discovery Day (Yukon)

229/136

August 1987

In connection w. CONCENSUS (see 8/7), did some more looking. I rcd. a copy of a game of this name on 11/12/71, but couldn't find it or any record on what might have happened to it.

Call from Felicia. Chris Campbell is supposed to call her to go over all her clients. She asked if she should mention CAN'T STOP, etc.; we agreed that it would be better to leave it to Phil Orbanes to pick the right time. She'll tell him that I am taking some time off to catch up.

2nd call from Felicia. She read me the letter Chris sent to her - w. cc to Phil Orbanes - on the rejection of John Johnson's game of FICKLE FINGERS (this was Chris' name for the game). They felt there was too much strategy for children; they tried a variation and found it was too much luck. Chris sent regards to John from the new "P." pres. - a name that didn't sound familiar to me, who knows John for a long time thru his model making.

Letter from Don Willson, thanking us for his visit here. I called to check where to send the cards for ALL FOR ONE - Don told me to send them to the office; I thanked him for his letter. Rollie Tesh called me later and told him I was sending 56 cards; if they want to reduce it to 52 let me know & I'll tell him which 4 to eliminate. When I spoke to Don he said there was no hurry for the rules, but Rollie said he'd like at least rough rules ASAP, so that he can try them out.

Cut out the cards for another set of ALL FOR ONE. Played 2 hands of the competative w. the chip: BB won 5 in the 1st, I won 10 in the 2nd; w. 2 players the game will stop when a player loses the 10th chip. BB and I trying the scoring solitaire - possible name - "Jack Pot variation." I won the 1st time w. 31 pts., but the best we could do after this was 23 pts. 25 wins; there is 5 pts. bonus for playing out all the cards.

In talk w. Rollie Tesh to said that they pretty much decided on PERFECT UNION as the name for the CANASTA variation; "Alaska" is the "freeze" card and "Hawaii" unfreezes. The other 3 games in the series are BANANA BLITZ, BRIDGETTE, and ALL FOR ONE.

When Dana saw Robin King yesterday he told her abt. my getting games from GAMES. She said she'd like to "help" me get them down to Dana's car. Told Dana that I'd offer to look for items that she particularly wants, but that I couldn't bring her with me.

~~Called Ray DeVries to tell him I looked, but couldn't find any thing like PAGO PAGO (see 8/11). Thru Wayne he contacted a lawyer who he likes, and he may offer to give the guy royalties. Actually it isn't selling well.~~

18 Tuesday

August 1987

230/135

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA (#302 Jul/Aug. '87), Phil Cohen: comments on N-RELAY; rules for TWO-COLOR CHECKERS; ending of SPHERICAL CHESS game; AVALANCHE game; Wayne Schmittberger & a game of EXTINCTION; very short rules for GRID BEROLINA CHESS, MECKLENBECK CHESS, ISOLATION, and references for MARSEILLAIS CHESS & SECRET GHOST.

Sent the ALL FOR ONE cards to Rollie Tesh in a jiffy bag - first class.

Call from Cynthia Wuthmann @ "Broderbund." Told her I rcd. copy of PERSONAL PREFERENCE, and that I still liked it. She [redacted] said that Ed Bernstein will be pleased that the "Guru of Games" likes it - I probably met him at Toy Fair. I suggested that she call Scott Manley to check abt. inclusion in "Best Games" or my doing a review. I asked, and she said that they hope to have more board games at next Toy Fair.

Called Roy DeVries to tell him I looked, but couldn't find anything like PAGO PAGO (see 8/11). Thru Wayne he contacted a lawyer who he likes, and he may offer to give the guy royalties; actually it isn't selling well. THE ORIENT EXPRESS MYSTERY DECTECTIVE GAME is doing quite well. He asked how I was doing and we discussed how few game cos. are still available - I didn't mention "Decipher" or "Sports Games Int." GAMES mag. came up & I said I would be taking games before they moved; he said that he'd see if there was anything he'd like. He said that one noticed a lot of new things last time he was there.

Called Wayne Schmittberger to check whether he knew when I could come; no, and certainly not this wk. He had to rush off & I asked for Scott Manley, who wasn't at his desk.

Call from Scott. He was out when Cynthia Wuthmann called him and he'll call her; I said I liked PERSONAL PREFERENCE - they do too - I'd like to review it, but he can't know yet whether I could or not. For [redacted] Dec./Jan. issue there may be as many as 6 pages of reviews, including mine on STRANDED; if so I will definitely do more, but it may only be 2 pages. They rcd. WHATZIT? - I said I'd like to review it, but they don't care for it - many of the answers are unfair. I asked abt. new things and all he could think of was ELVIS (S. Alden) - a nothing game w. a weird shaped box. We spoke abt. the games that might be available for me to take - mainly war & role-playing, and those w. missing parts from which I might take equip't.

Call from Larry Mass. He spoke to Phil Orbanes abt. BID (see 8/13); Phil didn't know it, and wasn't surprised that I did. Phil thought that 3M's FOIL had bidding for letters; checked & it didn't. Larry sent NINE OF SWORDS to Tom Kremer, who will be meeting w. the "Matchbox" people. One problem might be that it was done before and people might recognize that it wasn't by Ernö Rubik. If the sales were very low this wouldn't matter and I'm pretty sure they were. I also brought up RUBIK'S STRATEGY GAME / HEADS AND TAILS (Ideal); he said the look was completely diff.

Started work on another deck of ALL FOR ONE cards.

Wednesday 19

National Aviation Day

231/134

August 1987

Call from Felicia w. report on her call fr. Chris Campbell. He asked abt. her various clients: Pam Formato, John Johnson, etc. but he didn't mention me; she did - saying that I can't do "things to order" but that if I get an idea it will be great. Actually he only seemed interested in children's things. Felicia asked him whether, if Johnson makes changes in his FICKLE FINGERS, they'd be interested - and he said "no." It came out (how?) that Johnson's friend at "P" is a V.P. not the pres., and he wasn't from "Ideal."

Called Pat Spiritus @ "Mattel" (see 8/12). She said she had a note to call me on her desk. She'll send me a copy of CATHEDRAL and she is sure that one was sent to Wayne Schmittberger. She offered me a copy of WHACK ATTACK, but told her I wasn't likely to do reviews of children's games. Asked, & she'll be at Toy Fair & we'll get together. Very pleasant. (Later noticed that they had a MY WORD! game.) Before calling, checked & I got a call from Mona Strehler on 5/7, but didn't have occasion to mention this.

Started naming the various versions of ALL FOR ONE and (w. some later thoughts) came up w. the following: Basic Game; Basic Game with "Stops"; Jack Pots; Multi-Player; Shifty; Shifty with "Double Stops"; Shifty for 2.

Finished the deck of ALL FOR ONE cards I started yesterday. Played ~~"Shifty" vs BB~~ "Shifty for 2" w. BB and it didn't seem great - but we were both tired.

20 Thursday

August 1987

232/133

Letter from Sophia Rocha at "Decipher": Warren Holland thank you; License Agreement for SACKSON SQUARES coming.

Letter from Bill Riva w. the airline ticket he didn't enclose in last letter (why ???). Wants it back. Mentions FOCUS royalty statement.

Another sample issue of ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION. Clipped Matthew Costello's "Gaming" featuring Steve Jackson: THE FANTASY TRIP (Metagaming); OGRE; CAR WARS; AUTODUEL (Origin Systems/Electronic Arts). Clipped ad for STAR TRADERS (Steve Jackson Games). ~~I'll have to get a copy of~~ Ad for GURPS HORROR & GURPS.

Rcd catalog from "Go Play Toys" (why ??). Kept pg. w. 4 IN A ROW - knock-off of CONNECT FOUR, MAZY BALL GAME, MAGNETIC DROP GAME, & other children's; also price list. (In '87 misc. folder.)

Call from Felicia. TIMES had an article on a book called WINNING MONOPOLY which was put together using computer simulation. She'll send it to me. Told her abt. letter from Bill Riva and the ticket he wants returned. She doesn't have an address but gave me a no. ((572-9232)). Tried calling twice, but each time was cut off after one ring.

Call fr. Rollie Tesh. He rcd. the ALL FOR ONE cards, and said that I had worked too hard on them. He said that he'd still like to have some special cards to add excitement. After some discussion I said that I had been thinking abt. it but couldn't come up w. anything that didn't detract from the play; but if he has any definite ideas I'd be glad to work on them. Told him I'd have the first draft of the rules to him by the end of next wk. He also would like to have the 4 shapes represent real things; I sugested various shaped leaves; I'll think some more on it. In talking abt. adding excitement, I said that getting a blue-star to complete a set of blue-stars in "Jack Pot" is very exciting

Message from Ronnie Cora and I called him. He has to go to Germany Mnday and has to have meetings Sat. & Sun. so our date off. He doesn't know how long the pressure will be on, so couldn't set a date.

Call from Robin King. She didn't bring up the matter of going to GAMES w. me, but when I mentioned it she said that Dawg had told her. Told her that I couldn't bring a "helper," but that if she tells me what she'd like I'll look for it. BB, after checking w. me, invited her here Sat. for supper. She'll let me know what she wants then. She asked if I had spare parts for ACQUIRE; yes; she found a set w. parts missing after the "Mensa" convention; she'll bring a list Sat.

I, and then BB, tried AFA "Jack Pot" and the best we could do was 23 p

Friday 21

Admission Day (Hawaii)

August 1987

233/132

Letter to Bob Simpson asking for the 3 Expansion sets for SUPREMACY (see 7/23). Mentioned GAMES.

Called Anne & Claude to wish them a very happy holiday trip. After the call thinking of SUPER LOA. The pcs. can be numbered from 1 to 24 on one side. On the other side they are marked w. • (on 1-5-9, etc.), w. :• (on 2-6-10, etc.), w. ∴ (on 3-7-11, etc.), w. ⁘ (on 4-8-12, etc.). Assassins can be identified after the pcs. are turned face up by making them into "kings."

Started a game of AFO "Jack Pots" before the Horns came and won it w. 31 pts. Played 2 others surreptitiously, but lost them both. No games & hardly any talk abt. them.

22 Saturday
August 1987

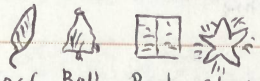
Letter from Bill Riva w. info on a new museum in Switzerland - MUSÉE DU JEU.

Letter from Bob Abbott w. repro of his review in THE VILLAGE VOICE knocking the book MINIATURE GOLF.

At "Beauty Plus" bought 10 - 6½" x 9½" clasp envelopes (88¢); box of 50 "Glad-Lok" sandwich bags (which I really didn't need) ($1.59).

To make room in file drawer removed file w. "Correspondance Misc. (Companies Etc.)" and put it in a manilla envelope.

Thought of the following designs for ALL FOR ONE:



Leaf Bell Book Star

Call from Felicia to see if I spoke to Bill Riva; couldn't get thru. I'll try again Mon. Told her of today's letter.

Found that I had complete rules for GO-DICE on 1/17.

Robin King here for supper (bringing bottle of hot sauce). W. Robin played AFO - "Shifty for 2". Later played "Multi-player" for 3. Also tried a few of the solitaires. At Robin's request played WHATZIT? 3 times, each winning once. Found that Herb Levy missed an important rule - that a player moves his die throw before a card is drawn. She brought me a listing of games she had & those she would like. Gave her the dupl. RISK of 7/19/79. She was missing tiles 7F & 12G from an ACQUIRE set. Looked for the tiles I got back from "Xerox" exhibit but couldn't find them. (Put her list in "Bob Abbott Folder.") Drove her home - she paid for the toll tokens.

Sunday 23

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 1987

235/130

Looking for the ACQUIRE tiles from "Xerox" exhibit - again without success. Did locate the [redacted] material that "3M" once sent me, that I looked for when preparing mat'l. to send to Eamon Bloomfield (in large box at front of cellar).

2 games of AFO Jack Pots - losing both. In evening playing "Shitty for 2" w. BB; found it too hard to stop the other - w. a lot of the same thing showing it was too easy to find a move.

24 Monday
August 1987

New Moon
St. Bartholomew
236/129

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. I can come to get the GAMES Weds, or later this wk. Told him I'd make it Weds. Asked if he played MONTAGE yet; no, but he finds the rules interesting. (Called Dana & Weds. is O.K. w. him.)

Rcd. letter from Bertram Kaes. HOLIDAY / DER COUP now will be called THE INHERITANCE OF MR. MALONEY. 2 copies of contract enclosed, w. my royalty in Germany reduced to 8% - 6% out of Germany.

Rcd. ANALOG (Oct. '87). Matthew Costello discusses future of interactive video games, w. mention of CLUE VCR MYSTERY GAME (P) and MICKEY MANTLE BASEBALL & PELE SOCCER (CSI Inc.).

Rcd. ad to display @ "The 1987 National Craft & Hobby Expo" in Cleveland OH (discarded).

Tried to call Bill Riva and again got cut off after one ring.

Call from Will Shortz. At an antique book store he saw STRATEGOS and he can get it if I want to trade for my copies of PERGIOCO. Told him I had repros of the book, but that I'd check, & talk to him Weds.

Call from Gary Sherbell to check whether SUE FOR A MILLION will be in the GAMES roundup; just don't know. He was not too happy w. Herb Levy's review in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; told him that Herb sometimes reads the rules too fast.

Called Rollie Tesh to tell him of my ideas for the AFO designs (see 8/22). He liked the idea, but felt that they should be related to each other. He definitely wants "Sack Pots" to be the ALL FOR ONE; it is O.K. to call the "Basic" game "Beginner's." He mentioned seeing my BOWLING SOLITAIRE in AINSLIE'S COMPLETE HOYLE (see 9/23/85) w. a nice attribution to me. I asked, and he'll send me a repro. I mentioned EXECUTIVE DECISION and he read me what was said abt. it. Told Rollie it might be next wk. before a can get the AFO rules to him.

Playing around w. SHIFTY ALL FOR ONE and came up w. a new idea. The marker is placed on the pile in the position moved to. It cannot be moved or anything placed on it. Also any specific row including the marker cannot be made again - except if a new row is made. Playing by myself and w. BB and it definitely ends. In fact 2 cards left over was the best I could do.

Edna Roberts here. Gave me some sample playing cards w. diff. colors. Kept pcs. of some of them for possible use.

Tuesday 25 August 1987

237/128 ($4.12)

Called Bertram Kaes and he called me back. I told him that last yr. Frank Socknick thought that 5% would be fair; Frank is no longer there - he is w. "Spear" in England (!). Kaes said that THE INHERITANCE OF MR. MALONEY is so much diff. from HOLIDAY that Werner Schlegel and someone else said that I should only get 2%, but he said 4%; I agreed to it. Signed the contract and wrote a covering letter. Asked for '87 catalog. In talk w. Kaes he said he'd ~~have~~ have an English translation of the rules made for me to look at. Told him that I could read French. He said that they tested the game on 1000 people.

Rcd. mailing from THE GAME MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION: July '87 issue of GAMA NEWS; GAMA Membership Directory-1987. (In '87 misc.)

Call from Diana Pasquarello. She read me what she wrote abt. me for the SEMPER FI publicity - and it sounded O.K. She'll send me the kit when it is ready.

Called Herb Levy and spoke to Lynn, Changed date from 9/11 to 9/4 (so that we can baby sit for Dale. She said that they played BRITANNIA. Told her of the error in the WHAT2IT? rules - Herb's Hut is.

BB & I both trying SHIFTY AFO and the best was 2 cards left.

(Cont. from 8/26) [8/26]

GRAND SLAM BASEBALL (Xanadu Leisure, Ltd.) - just rules & some sheets - dupl.; THE POCKET CALCULATOR GAME BOOK (Bantam Books) - dupl.; REDTANGLE (M. Boggs) - Rules only - have ~~repros~~ of complete info; CUISENAIRE RODDLES (Cuisenaire Co. of Am.) - just the cards - dupl. Dana there abt. 3:30, & Scott helped me bring the games to the car.

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#92 - Aug.). Reviews of STORMBRINGER (Chaosium/Games Workshop), ADVANCED RUNEQUEST (Games Workshop/Chaosium/A.H.); ROBIN HOOD (ICE); SCARED STIFF & GHOSTBUSTERS adventure (West End Games); Modules for CALL OF CTHULHU (Chaosium), D&D (TSR), and AD&D (TSR). Ad for GAMES DAY 87. Article on WARHAMMER. Ad by "K Society, Games Division" for ANYWHEN w. FIRELAND & IMPERIAL EARTH. Article on CHAINSAW WARRIOR. Ad by "TSR" for THE DESERT OF DESOLATION. 3 modules for AD&D. Ad by "Games Workshop/West End Games" for PARANOIA - 2nd edition. Article on RUNEQUEST III. "Rescue the Paladin!" - an AD&D adventure. Ad by "Chaosium/G.W." for STORMBRINGER. Ad by "Citadel Miniatures" for WARHAMMER modules. Errata for WARHAMMER. 3 Adventures for THE JUDGE DREDD ROLEPLAYING GAME. Ad by "Strange Acorn Games" for WYRD WORLD w. 3 modules. Ad by "Games Workshop" for BLOCK MANIA & MEGA-MANIA; TALISMAN DUNGEON. Loose ad for DRAGONLANCE LEGENDS book, & 3 modules (co.?).

From Felicia rcd. TIMES clipping on MONOPOLY & WINNING MONOPOLY. Call from Felicia, mainly to talk abt. Bill Riva "not tracking when she talked to him. (Not sure this was the topic today.

26 Wednesday 8/25

August 1987

238/127

To GAMES. Wayne Schmittberger gave me a cute notice on "The Great Games Giveaway" w. my picture (think he said it was by Mike Shenk). Picked out a load of games: CALAMITY! (Games Workshop) - by Andrew Lloyd Webber and developed by Derek Carver & Ian Livingstone; PROSPECTING (Lynn Berg); ACCU-STAT PRO FOOTBALL STRATEGY GAME (Accu-Stat Game Co.); MUMBLE-JUMBLE (Albert A. Lemieux); WITT AND WISDOM (Laff-a-Lott) - not sure of completeness); SHADES OF THOUGHT (Orda) - dupl.; NUCLEAR ESCALATION (Blade); THE BORED GAME (The Bored Co.); 2 copies of A HOUSE DIVIDED (GDW) - dupl's.; ELEMENTARY WATSON (Phoenix Games) - dupl.; MENTAL BLOCKS (Perigee); TELLING LIES (Decipher); KING CHIP (XYLYX Computer Entertainment Ltd.); SPELLBOUND (Lakeside) - dupl. - timer missing; GRAV-BALL (Tasa) - couldn't understand the rules; VWLS CRAZE (Craze Productions) - dupl. - pencil missing; HOLLYWOOD MOVIE MAKERS (Literary Games, Inc.); MODULAR MAZE GAME (Collier Products Inc.); SAFARI ADVENTURE GAME (How Marketing Enterprises, Inc.); STELLAR CONQUEST (A.H.); BATTLECARS (Games Workshop) - parts missing; WORDSAIC (Maguire Game Co.); GUMSHOE (Sleuth Publications Ltd.) - dupl. - rules & probably more missing; MASTER MIND 44 (Invicta) - Dupl.; SNIT'S REVENGE (TSR); END OF THE LINE (Hoyle); HORSEMEN (Horsemen Game, Inc.); ARTIST THE GAME (Henry/Gingold) - Parts missing, but can be replaced. SUE AND COUNTER-SUE (McDaniel Brothers Corp.) - Dupl. - parts not checked; THE SOAP OPERA GAME (Quirtel, Inc.); MOOLAH GAME (LCJ Games Ltd.); CONDOMONEYUM THE GAME (ESM Marketing Group Inc.); REAL ESTATE [redacted] THE GAME (Century Games Co.); GAME (General Games); MEGAGAMMON (Merit Products, Inc.) - hand made, half the pcs. missing; THE METABELISM GAME (Carolina Biological Supply Co./Cabisco); MONEY TALKS (REH) - dupl.; KRULL (Board Game) (P.) - dupl.; CAMPAIGN (Bonzer Toy Corp.); SPACE ESTATE (Game Concepts); THE QUANTUMGAME (The Quantumgame Co., Inc.) - Dupl. - many pcs. missing; DECIPHER II (Decipher, Inc.) - in shrink wrap which I removed; PUZZLE POKER (Puzzle Poker) - Ad for ALPHA CUBE included; KING'S COURT (Janjohn Games, Inc.); GRASS (Euro Commerce Corp.) - dupl.; WILD WITS (Teegee Toys); PHYZICAL (Croce Production Co.); SPOONS (M.W.S.); ALPHA CARDS (Creative Visions, Inc.) - dupl.; STAVA (Stava Enterprises); COMPUCARDS (Compu-Cards, Inc.); GAME OF HAND (Marvin Barry Ulanoff); COWOGA (Tom Barulich Inc.); MAKING WORDS (Orda); ALPHABET TWIST (The Electric Press); STARLEADER: ASSAULT! (Metagaming); 2 LOST WORLDS "modules" (Nova); REMEMBER THE ALAMO (TSR); CAR WARS (Steve Jackson Games) - 2 copies, one w. missing parts; ILLUMINATI, ILLUMINATI EXPANSION SET 1 (2) (Steve Jackson Games) - some parts missing; CAR WARS EXPANSION SET #3 (S.J. Games); OGRE (S.J. Games); NECROMANCER (S.J. Games) - Parts missing - all S.J. Games dupl. except for CAR WARS EXPANSION SET #3; ~~ACE OF ACES~~; ACE OF ACES: FLYING MACHINES; ~~ACE OF ACES~~ 2 of; ACE OF ACES: POWERHOUSE SERIES; ACE OF ACES: HANDY ROTARY SERIES (Nova) - (have at least one of these but couldn't confirm which); THE PEOPLE PUZZLE (Lumberjack Toys) - actually a gag rather than a puzzle; IMPUZZABLES (Lakeside) - Blue - dupl.; PRO BASEBALL CARD GAME (Just Games) - included card w. listing of "Just Games" games - 221-B BAKER STREET, ACE OF ACES, WINNING TENNIS, GOLF RUMMY, LE SKI GAME, SOLOBRIDGE, DUOBRIDGE, BRIDGE A WORD, EQUABLE, WORLD'S GREATEST TRAVEL GAME, CONDOMANIA 2000, PENTE, UNGAME BOOKSHELF, LEVERAGE, CONTAINMENT; RUBIK'S GAME (Ideal) - dupl. WILDCATTER (JC PRODUCTIONS); COSMOS (Nick-Glennie Enterp.) - parts not checked;

(Card. on 8/25)

Lyndon B. Johnson
born 1908 (Tex.)
Paluman Tottut Day (N.M.I.)
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Thursday 27
August 1987

Rcd. 3 copies of "Schmidt Spiel" BAZAAR• – from Bill Riva•.

Called Scott Marley• to tell him I'd be in tomorrow if it doesn't rain (which it did).

Started going over the games I took @ GAMES• yesterday.

28 Friday
August 1987

240/125

Call from Jürgen Hagedorn of "Hexagames." DIE 1 MILLION is among the 10 games chosen for best of the yr. The contract I returned is O.K. and I should be getting it back soon (w. the advance?). The package for me should reach me in abt. 3 wks. he said. They are interested in card GAMES. Told him I was very busy. By end of Sept. is O.K. - and just the rules w. a description of the cards is also O.K. I gave a plug for BIG FUNERAL and he'd like to look @ it. (Possibly the talk abt. card games was w. Joe Nikisch.)

Rcd. report from "Pressman" for 2nd quarter on DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE & DOORWAYS TO HORROR - check for $672.37.

Letter from David Watts; RAILWAY RIVALS, my review in GAMES; TOUS TOUT; FORMAL RETORT; DAMPFROSS, PIRATEN INSEL; "Games Development Bond" - PIRATE ISLAND, PENINSULAR WAR, BIG STEEL, TANKER; SPIELTAGE; Walter Luc Haas; Friedhelm Merz, DIE POPPEL REVUE, SPIELBOX; Eamon Bloomfield; LONDON GAMES DAY, D&D, RAILWAY RIVALS; G&P, KENSINGTON, TRIVIAL PURSUIT; GAMES & PUZZLES JOURNAL, G.P. Jellis; ACQUIRE, BAZAAR.

Note from Mel Bush that the change in NYS & NYC income tax is correct.

Call from someone who was a game tester at S.P.I. - but we probably didn't meet. He called GAMES mag. abt. locating SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS & they gave him my number. Found that it was by "Excalibre Games" and gave him address & no. from MODEL RETAILER listing of 12/84. He likes my PATTON & MACARTHUR & suggested that "M.B." might be interested; he plays them using the pcs. from some of the "M.B." war games. He mentioned PORT-OF-CALL as being a good game & I agreed. He wonders abt. MOVIE MOGULS & I said it wasn't great.

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Continued going over the games I took @ GAMES weds.

Found the ACQUIRE pcs. I was looking for (in game room) & found the 2 that Robin King is missing.

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postage on the games I sent him - $107.00 instead of $84.70. Also to have him tell Derek Carver that I rcd. copy of BLOOD ROYALE from "Games Workshop", but haven't had a chance to try it yet. Also asked if he sent me KREMLIN & AVE ACHSE yet (see 6/30). ($3.48 for call)

Saturday 29
August 1987

241/124

Rcd. mail package (behind door upstairs) w. RAE•, w. letter from Paul A. Patracuolla•

To Dale•'s. She gave me 4 more storage boxes. Phil gave me copies of UR ROYAL GAME OF SUMER• (S.&R.) [redacted] -dupl. & CAMPAIGN• (Campaign Game Co.) - dupl. - 2 cards missing. Phil gave me clipping on the convention of THE AMERICAN GAME COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION• from an antique newspaper (discarded). W. Phil, his sister Lil, Stephie, and Evelyn to a library sale - I got PERFECTION• & DOCTOR, DOCTOR• for Brian (who was a little sick). At a mall antique show saw a few games - including THE LONE RANGER• & WHOOPIE•-all of which I had. Rules & move missing from DOCTOR, DOCTOR•, but I have copies (see 5/20).

From Eamon Bloomfield• rcd. check to cover postage for the two boxes of games I sent him - $107 (where did he get this figure?). (See 6/30 for my talk w. him.) Short covering letter.

To the Laurence's. Played SHIFTY AFO• w. Phil and he liked it. In first game he beat me quickly. 2nd went almost to the end, when I won.

30 Sunday

August 1987

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Huey P. Long Day (La.)
242/123

While looking for something else noticed that pile of boxes in basement were water damaged. Threw away a box w. pencil boxes in it, keeping one w. some misc. DOMINOES.

Called Ronnie Corn, who got back from Germany on Fri. They'll try to make it to Dale's on 9/12; I'm to send him a map. He saw some games at the airport in Germany - but not AUF ACHSE. Didn't buy anything.

Call from Michael Gilano who got my number from Roger Wilson (who told him abt. not meeting w. me @ STATIONERY SHOW in '86). Gilano, who was ready to retire, decided instead to publish 2 of the 34 games he has invented. Wilson was moving out of games, but liked them so much that he'll be an agent (or something) for Gilano. Gilano knows abt. me and would value my opinion of his strategy game - STEALTH (call him collect). I asked abt. the other game; FALCON'S MAZE; which is more of a "beer" game. I said that I'd like to see it. He is starting w. a very expensive edition, w. a cheaper one to follow. I said that I could wait, but he said he'd send it.

Going over the GAMES games some more. Close to finished w. them.

Thinking that ALL FOR ONE POKER & AFO RUMMY could easily be done. But they would require squeezers, which would detract from the appearance for the laid out versions.

(Cont. from 8/31) [9/1]

Took copy of THE WONDERS OF MAGIC SQUARES by Jim Moran. Took 3 copies of GAMES SPECIAL EDITION (Vol. 1 No. 2). Dana picked me up w. his car. Also took 2 dupl. copies of SANCTUARY (Mayfair Games).

[Started 9/1]

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

Monday 31

First Quarter

243/122

August 1987

From Rollie Tesh rcd. repros from AINSLIE'S COMPLETE HOYLE: Cover; BOWLING - attributed to me; Also PYRAMID on the opp. page.

Called Scott Marley to check that he'll be there tomorrow evening.

Called Lee Gelber; in conference; didn't call back.

Playing SHIFTY ALL FOR ONE solitaire - some together, and some each by ourselves. Won at least half of the times.

Finally finished going over the games from GAMES that I took on 8/26,

(cont. from 9/1) [9/1]

(Long Products); GRASS (Euro Commerce Corp) - dupl. (2 of); BLUE MAX (GDW) - Dupl.; BLUE MAX (GDW) - Dupl. - much missing; WABBIT WAMPAGE (Pacesetter); JACK THE RIPPER (Aulic Council Publ. Co.) - dupl. - in shrink wrap; STAR PATROL (Gamescience) - some extra mat'l. in box -- another STAR PATROL w. less extra mat'l. in box; MIND MOVER-3 (Mindmovers Limited) - dupl. - rules missing & parts not checked; THE RIDDLE GAME (Innovex); ALEXANDER'S STAR (Ideal) - dupl. - no box or rules; RAF (West End Games) - dupl.; TITAN (A.H.) - dupl.; THE BROTHERWOOD (GDW) - dupl. - in shrink wrap; CALAMITY! (Games Workshop) - got copy on 8/26 - 5 movement cards missing; BORDERLANDS (Eon) - dupl.; SUMSHOE (Sleuth Publications, Ltd.) - dupl. - parts missing; THE BROTHERHOOD (GDW) - dupl. - parts not checked; WATCH (MPH) - dupl. - pc. missing; OIL POWER (Antfamco, Inc.) - dupl. - rules & chart missing - extra well pumpers; VOYAGE TO CIPANGU (Cipangu Game Co.); FRONTIER-6 (Rimbold Enterprises Inc.) - dupl. - a few pcs. missing; VOYAGE TO THE STARS (Star Quest, Inc.) MIAMI VICE THE GAME (Pepper Lane Industries/Colorforms); THE SOAP OPERA GAME (Hardale Game Co., Ltd.); PASSING THROUGH THE NETHERWORLD (Kirk Game Co./Whitehall Games) - dupl.; PENTASTAR (Adventure Games) - 1 "Tables card" may be missing; WORDMASTER (K & K Enterprises); SUPERIORITY (Yaquinto) - dupl. - catalog sheet w. "Album" games, DALLAS, SWASHBUCKLER, BEACHHEAD, FAST ATTACK BOATS, HERO, ATTACK OF THE MUTANTS, BARBARIANS, ASTEROID PIRATES, DEMON'S RUN, BATTLE, ROARING 20'S, NECK AND NECK, MARKET MADNESS, APACHE, FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM, SUPERIORITY, ADVENTURER - other games, TIME WAR, STARFALL, C.V., BEASTLORD, PANZER, ULTIMATUM, THE IRONCLADS, '88', MYTHOLOGY, PICKETT'S CHARGE, SHOOTING STARS, ARMOR, THE SWORD & FLAME, THE GREAT REDOUBT, THE THIN RED LINE, MURFREESBORO, MARINE: 2002; THE ROARING 20'S (Yaquinto) - dupl. - in shrink wrap; UNITED NATIONS (Yaquinto) - Proof copy - Parts not checked; PSYCHOTEAZE (Ambassador Designers); BEVERLY HILLS: THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE (S. Alden Inc.); IT'S A MAN'S WORLD (Phad Productions); THE NUCLEAR ENERGY GAME (Creative Games Co.); DEMO DERBY (Mayfair Games) - Catalog sheet w. ICBM, MORGAN'S RIFLES, SHERIDAN'S RIDE, RED STAR FALLING, TRANSYLVANIA, SPACE EMPIRES, THE CASTLE, RICHARD I THE LIONHEART; SOCCER STARS (Sol-Tec); BIG-TIME BASEBALL (Soragram International/Hemmgo Inc.); THE GAME OF DATA PROCESSING (Learning Innovations Inc.) - Dupl.

(cont. on 8/30)

1 Tuesday 8/31 8/30

September 1987

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Visit from Olga Sokich (see 6/24) and her daughter, who I met on 2/10. (Lunch - brought grapes & tomatos). Showed them collection, and they said it should definitely be preserved; suggested sending pictures, etc., to colleges. Gave daughter a copy of CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY GAME for her daughter. [redacted] Olga spoke abt. playing CLICK w. 2 of her classes; I mentioned that Gary Gates & Wendy Wenger might worry abt. that; she said she had some ideas for improving the look of CLICK; she asked, & I gave her Gates' number.

To GAMES a little after 5. Scott Manley let me into the room w. the games. Took even more games than on 8/26: FIBBER! (Maruca Industries, Inc.); B.S. DEGREE GAME (John Eleno Enterprises); FORTRAN (Educational Design, Inc./Orda) - dupl.; NUKE: THE LAST GAME ON EARTH (New Earth Games) - dupl. - parts not checked; WEBSTER'S BLUFF (Dennis Glassberg Assoc. Inc.) - cards not checked; ELECTRONIC DETECTIVE GAME (Ideal) - dupl.; GHASTLY GAMES (Delacorte Press) - dupl.; THE BIG BOOK OF BOARD GAMES (Troubador Press) - dupl.; GURPS (Steve Jackson Games) - Basic Set & also (in same box) MAN TO MAN & ORCSLAYER - Catalog w. CAR WARS & expansion sets including CONVOY, TOON, ILLUMINATI & expansion sets, OGRE & expansion sets including G.E.V. & SHOCKWAVE & BATTLESUIT, GLOBBO; THE WORLDS OF BORIS VALLEJO (Mayfair Games Inc.) - dupl. - some extra cards; CA CAMPAIGN TRAIL (GDW) - dupl. - parts missing; CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTOR POWER PLAY (Task Force) - dupl.; MODULAR MAZE GAME (Collier Products, Inc.) - took one on 8/26; COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS (The Ungame Co.); RACE TRACK (Enjoyable Hour Products) - dupl.; FAMILY BUSINESS (Mayfair) - dupl. - in shrink wrap; MAYDAY (GDW); STEIFFEL TOWER (Star-Max) - dupl., but original had no box; CIRCUIT (Indelible Ink Corp.); SHAFT! (Family Games); PYRAMID CARDS (Robert L. Jones) - no rules, but see '78 & '79; THE MISSING LINK (Ideal) - dupl.; COSMIC ENCOUNTER Exp. set #3 (Eon) - dupl.; KING'S COURT (Jan/John Games, Inc.) - dupl. (dedication to Wayne written on box cover); ACE OF ACES; POWERHOUSE SERIES (Nova) - dupl.; ACE OF ACES: FLYING MACHINES (Nova) - dupl.; ACE OF ACES: HANDY ROTARY SERIES (Nova) - dupl.; CAR WARS (Steve Jackson Games) - dupl. - in shrink wrap; RAID ON IRAN (S.J. Games) - dupl.; MURDER ACROSS AND DOWN (Ballantine Books); HALLEY'S REVENGE (Rainbow Games) - dupl.; SAVE THE WHALES (Animal Town Game Co.) - also in box the '83-'84 Mail Order Catalog - NECTAR COLLECTOR, BACK TO THE FARM, SAVE THE WHALES, DAM BUILDERS, MADISON AVENUE, A CHICKEN IN EVERY POT!, RAFA' RAFA', ASSERT WITH LOVE, THE UNGAME, PATOLLI, COYOTY, MANKALA, PASSING THROUGH THE NETHERWORLD, PAPERTRAIL, THE ROYAL GAME OF GOOSE, NINE MEN'S MORRIS, CHINESE CHEQUERS, IMAGINE!, ENCHANTED FOREST, THE HARE, TORTOISE, FOX AND SNAIL, ENCHANTED FOREST, EXTINCTION, BY JOVE, PREDATOR AND POLLINATION, ENDANGERED SPECIES, MUSIC MAESTRO, JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE, SCOTLAND YARD, CAUSE & EFFECT, KEEP QUIET, THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAVEL GAME - THE BOARDGAME BOOK by R.C. Bell, GAMES MANUAL OF NON-COMPETITIVE GAMES, TAVERNS & TROOPERS - parts missing; SQUATTER (Murfett) - dupl., but original without box; ONE KNIGHT STAND (Wilbert Enterprises, Inc.) - dupl. - some pcs. broken; REDTANGLE (M. Boggs) - no rules, but got them on 8/26; PORNOPOLY (X-Plicit); GAMBLER'S PORK & BEANS (Adco International) - among other of their games - CHICKEN CHIT CHAT, BUFFALO CHIPS, LONGWAY TRANSFORMATION

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Rcd. ANALOG (Nov. '87). Matthew Costello writes abt. Noah Falstein of "Lucasfilm Games"; their KORONIS RIFT & THE EIDOLON w. "EPYX"; their PHM PEGASUS w. "Electronic Arts". Ad for GURPS HORSECLANS (Steve Jackson Games).

A little work on the rules for ALL FOR ONE.

Called "West End Games." Lee Gelber out & spoke to Curtis Smith. He thinks they do want to go ahead w. my games. He'll talk to Gelber & should get a call today or tomorrow.

Call from a gal at "Chemical." $1,007.23 was entered to my checking account from "Otto Maier." At first was afraid it was the THE INHERITANCE OF MR. MALONEY advance. But then realized it was almost certainly the METROPOLIS royalty.

Playing myself, then BB, the original ALL FOR ONE and at first thought it was too easy. Then we started losing some, including one where I failed w. just one card lost.

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Call from Raymond Soucie. He called Jürgen Hagedorn, who told him the contract was O.K. w. the changes. Everyone @ "Hexagames" is out sick so Jürgen is doing everything himself and falling behind. Told Ray abt. my call from Jürgen on 8/28 - and trying to get him (he had trouble w. the plumbing in his apt, and was staying @ his apt.). Told him abt. plugging BIG FUNERAL. He'll send a copy air mail.

Got idea for a new competative version of AFO, scoring for every row made. Played quite a few games w. BB, and it worked quite well (in one game I scored 18 points w. one placement in the center position). Later thinking of a rule for 3 or 4 players: if following player is not able to make a row, you get a 4 point bonus. Started writing rules.

Call from Felicia to ask abt. visit by Olga Sokich. She got a nice letter from Bill Riva. He is very busy retyping Maria's manuscript.

Called Rollie Tesh to tell him abt. my new ideas for AFO (this was after I played once by myself, but before playing w. BB). Told him that I haven't been feeling well, and that I'd get the rules to him early next wk. He asked if I'd be willing to work on their BANANA BLITZ - their variation of HEARTS. Sure, and we'll talk abt. payment when he calls me after the holiday wkend. They will have 4 suits of fruit - bananas, apples, and 2 others; each will have nos. from 1 to 12; there will be 4 wild cards, which will be "fruit cake" - told him I liked that better than my idea of "fruit salad."

Call from Bruce Whitehill - he was surprised that I knew he was at "Mattel." He is in charge of "games" - the first time they broke games away from toys, etc. I told him abt. "Mattel's" BOUNDARY - as an example of previous things they did - and he said it sounded interesting. He asked if I had the rules for my HAGGLE available - someone there that he told abt. it would like to have a party w. it. Told him I could run repros, but he said he might find his copy of AGOG when he comes east this wkend. to pack. He asked if I had English rules for METROPOLIS; he has a copy and thought that it might be a possibility for "Mattel." Told him that I'd prepare the rules ASAP, but brought up that it might be too similar in appearance to CATHEDRAL; he said that if CATHEDRAL does well it could be a plus. He asked me to send him a repro of the GAMES review of CATHEDRAL. Don't remember why, but he mentioned that PUZZLE TOWN, put out by "Gamut of Games" in '76 was very similar to "Mattel's" MATCH IT of '61 - which was based on "Beany & Cecil" (?). He said that he found a record of one of my games being considered @ "Mattel" (?) - but he couldn't tell me which one it was (?). Told him that I was intending to call Pat Spiritus abt. a copy of CATHEDRAL; he'll take care of it. (Pretty sure) I also asked him abt. getting a copy of MY WORD! too. His address:

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Called Eamon Bloomfield ((932-84767)) - (was told that the "8" was added to his no. - changed it on 12/20/81 also.) Eamon out playing games, told his wife that he sent me too much for the

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Rcd. attractive press kit for SEMPER FI - w. plug by/for me. Check for $500.00. Covering letter from Benoit J. Maurais & Stephen Yennaco - w. P.S. that balance of payment coming in a few wks. Return envelope for my thoughts.

On radio heard that "Kenner Parker" has agreed to a takeover by "Tonka" - to avoid a hostile takeover by someone else.

To make it easier (less cards eliminated) to have all players have the same no. of turns in competative AFO, added 2 cards to the deck.

Looked at DARN CLEVER w. the idea of possibly playing it tonight. To the Levy's. He likes BRITANNIA (A.H.) - he did find one line missing on one of the cards. He picked up a dupl. copy of THE THIRD ESTATE (Vinco Games) & one copy of GRAND TOTAL (Current, Inc.); Took the 2 w. me to see if I wanted to trade for them; (later found the "signs" were missing - but can easily be made up). We played WORD FOR WORD (Spellcraft Corp. -'87); it had some interesting pts. altho it didn't work out due to very poor rules; (believe that there is a copy at GAMES which I'll try to pick up - ~~could~~ couldn't find it when I went later). Played ALL FOR ONE and they liked it; the bonus for stopping the following player came up quite often and was a little of a problem for the scarekeeper; when a player couldn't form a row his card could be placed anywhere and he scored one pt. Herb had a clipping of an article in THE BALTIMORE SUN, by Patrick McGuire - knocking SAVE THE PRESIDENT! & Jack Saffe - also praising some games, including DIPLOMACY, CIVILIZATION, and ACQUIRE. When I mentioned METROPOLIS, "Mattel" Herb said he had English rules they he got from Eamon Bloomfield. Borrowed the Sun clipping & the rules to repro & return. Discussed next date, & they will call setting either 10/16 or 10/24 - depending on baby sitter.

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SOLDIERS & "An Excessory Pack for PARANOIA - 2nd Edition" (put in box w. PARANOIA - 2nd Edition).

New idea for ALL FOR ONE - competative. Each player has 2 cards. If neither can be played ~~this~~ one is discarded w. no score. Played w. BB & it worked well.

Visit from Lawrence's. Played the new ALL FOR ONE and they liked it.

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Rcd. SPIELBOX (Nr. 4, Aug/sept. '87). Ad by "F.X. Schmid" for JADE KÖNIG. Mounted in "Schmidt Spiele" catalog: MENSCH ÄRGERE DICH NICHT; CONNY; MACHT DIE BÄUME WIEDER GRÜN, DRACHENFELS, VAMPO; REISE DURCH DEUTSCHLAND 1000 KM, PIRATENINSEL, STADT-LAND-FLUSS; DAMPFROSS, BAZAAR, WINKELADVOKAT, TATORT TITANIC, KRIMI-PARTY - NACHTFLUG IN DEN TOD; DAS SCHWARZE AUGE & modules, HAVENA, WARLOCK, TALISMAN, DER HEXENMEISTER VOM FLAMMENDEN BERG, HÖLLENHAUS; STADT-LAND-FLUSS, RUMMY, STADT-LAND-FLUSS, QUIZ-SPIEL, KREUZWORT-DUELL, KNIFFEL, WORT-KNIFFEL, LETRA-MIX. Article on "Bütehorn": interview w. Erich Grikscheit; mentions of DYADE, DAMPFROSS, DYADE, BLOCKADE, PHÄROMINO, PFERDEÄPPEL, BUSINESS, EPAMINONDAS, SETI. Article on H.G. Wells & his book LITTLE WARS. Article on wooden games, w. MANHATTAN & CATHEDRAL. Article on KREML (Fata Morgana). Ad by "Heinz Vogel" for LASS MEIN KÄNGURUH IN RUH! & FROSCHKÖNIG. Review of PARTNER GESUCHT (Spear/Apex); RESTAURANT (Flying Turtle Games); HEUREKA (T.T.) - by Robert Abbott & Alexander Randolph; SCHATZ DER INKA (Ravensburger); DER HEXENMEISTER VON FLAMMENDEN BERG (Schmidt-Spiel) - by Steve Jackson. Complete game - my BREAK AWAY - translated by Walter Luc Haas. "Besser Spielen": BLITZ-QUIZ (Nonis); BAZAAR (Schmidt-Spiel) - w. mention of mc, BIERBÖRSE, & variation by Dirk Henn & Barbara Weber; WINKELADVOKAT, WARLOCK (Games Workshop); REVERSI. Ad by "Peri Spiele" for TRIOMINO. Book reviews: DAS KÖNIGLICHE SPIEL; REISESPIELE FÜR KINDER; WOHNZIMMERSPIELE. Ad by "Hugendubel" for RHYTHMOMACHIA. "Malas Spiele" - SETZEI, WÜRFELMÜH. Ad by "Jumbo" for TATORT: NACHTEXPRESS. "Aufgaben" - SLEUTH, CODE 777, MASTERMIND. "Spielwiese" by Walter Luc Haas: DENK MAL (Ravensburger); LASS MEIN KÄNGURUH IN RUH! (Heinz Vogel Verlag); FROSCHKÖNIG (Heinz Vogel Verlag); SEKUNDEN-QUIZ (Jumbo); TATORT: NACHTEXPRESS (Jumbo). Small ads: PLAY NET (Play-Net Spiele Helmut Dressler); BOLO BOLO & DEMONO (Demono Spielproduktion). "Meisterschaft/DM'87 im Brettspiel": short descriptions of MARITIM (Edition Perlhuhn); DER FLIEGENDE TEPPICH (Ravensburger); DIE 1. MILLION (Hexagames) - w. plng for it & MONAD; DIE BREMER STADTMUSIKANTEN (Franckh) - these are the 4 "Finalspiele" - by Sven M. Kübler (??). SLEUTH, HAVANNAH, & DOOLITTLE & WAITE still being offered as bonuses for getting subscribers. Loose catalog of "Haba" - wooden games & puzzles: COLORADOS, CASSE-TÊTE, KREUZELBRECHER, QUO VADIS, GEBROCHENES HERZ, KNOBULUS, NUMERICUS, TEUFELSKNOTEN, MATHEMAGIE, BRAHMA, TRICKPACK, DIE ÜBERFAHRT, GLÜCKSHAUS, ASALTO, PACHISI, SENET, SOLITAIRE, HALMA, KUBIKMÜHLE, QUADROMINO, RADMÜHLE, KÄMPFENDE SCHLANGE, CLEVERBANK, KUNGSER, PYRAMIDOLI, KUGULUS.

Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (sept. '87 Vol. 8 No. 8). Nothing on games in the mag. Bound in catalog w. some mat'l. on games: CRAZE, WWLS CRAZE, THE UNGAME - including pocket editions, A BOOK OF PUZZLEMENTS - Herb Kohl, 800 - THE COLLEGE PREP GAME, TANGOES, MUSIC MAESTRO, ARTDECK, HAIL TO THE CHIEF, PATOLLI, BY JOVE, SUPER SANDWICH, BASIC COMPUTER GAME & MORE BASIC COMPUTER GAMES - books, THE GAME OF TRIVIA (AH).

Rcd. report from "Ravensburger" for METROPOLIS - 1st half yr. '87 - DM 1,832.36 (see 9/2).

Rcd. package from "West End Games" (may have been yesterday) w.

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Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
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Sunday 6
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[redacted] From NEWS• clipped pcs, on THE FAERYTALE ADVENTURE• (Microillusions) & IS THE POPE CATHOLIC?•

Looked for the GAMES• review of CATHEDRAL• & found it in 9/83 issue.

Call from Ronnie Corn: He won't be able to make it to Dale's on 9/12. Told him I already sent the map (abt. 2 days ago).

Played ALL FOR ONE• w. BB,

7 Monday
September 1987

Full Moon
Labor Day
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Working on rules for ALL FOR ONE.

On "All Things Considered" heard interview w. author of the book MINIATURE GOLF. (See 8/22).

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To GAMES. Scott Marley had 4 copies of THE GREAT FAIR GAME (The Craft Fair Game Co.) and gave me one. From "giveaway room" took the following: THE ROARING 20's (Yaquinto) - dupl. - parts missing & extra set of cards; OREGON TRAIL (Fantasy Games Unlimited, Inc.) - dupl.; STAR EXPLORER (Fantasy Games Unl.); LOST WORLDS (Nova); THE KEEP (Mayfair Games Inc.) - dupl. - letter in box from Matthew Costello to Wayne Schmittberger mentioning possible games to review & game articles - in GAMES folder under today's date); [redacted] SLAPSHOT (A.H.) - dupl.; CAR WARS Expansion Set #8 (Steve Jackson Games) - small catalog included; WIZARDS (A.H.) - dupl. - some parts missing; ASTEROID (GDW) - dupl.; ENCOUNTERS (Mayfair) - dupl.; RAISE THE ROOF (Menard Industries) - dupl.; KING'S COURT (Janjohn Games Inc.) - dupl.; TIC TAC DOMINOES (KW Porter Productions) - Board & pegs only - Got repro of rules in '82; THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR (Ariel); ANDROIDS & BELT BUMS (Dufferance Detweiler). John Keenan gave me 3 letters addressed to me there: Info on SANTA BINGO (MEG's Innovations, Inc.) - dated 7/22 - offering me a free sample, but it is for kids; From Tom Morley - letter on CHEKIT, a few scoring sheets, 2 sets of revised rules which include CHEKIT RUMMY - put one set of rules & one scoring sheet in set of 2/14 - the rest in set of 11/5/86; A number of letters from & to Mary Bardg, asking info on a GAME she sent the picture of, w. SSAE, Spoke to Wayne Schmittberger and he gave me rules for 5x5 SHOGI. Ran repros of the following, I found in Scott's office: OUTBURST (Hersch Eco./Western Publ. Co.) - rules only; WILLIAMBOARDS (R&S Graphics) - complete info - almost; THE COUCH POTATO GAME (TAC Games Inc.) - complete info. Ran repros of the following: Illustration sheet for ALL FOR ONE (5 of); Review of CATHEDRAL (Cathedral Games) in 9/73 issue of GAMES; METROPOLIS rules in English by Eamon Bloomfield - that I borrowed from Herb Levy (6 of); Article on Jack Jaffe etc. - from Herb Levy (2 of); HAGGLE from AGOG.

Call from Rollie Tesh. They will offer me 2½% royalty for working on BANANA BLITZ. In a few installments I will get the advance based on the sales of 25,000 copies (I am pretty sure that was the quantity he said) - it amounts to abt. $2,700 he said. Spoke abt. the "wild cards" & I agreed that one would be numbered "12" - so the artist can work on it. The 10 of apples will be a "rotten apples" - losing 10 pts. unless you get a "blitz." The "7" of one of the other suits will be good for 7 pts. He will call in abt. a wk. to see how I am doing - altho I can have at least a month to complete the game. The first 4 games will be BRIDGETTE, BANANA BLITZ, OUTLANDISH, and CRIBBAGE LITE.

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Tuesday 8 September 1987

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Rcd. notice from "Chemical Bank" of $1,007.23 entered in my account - for METROPOLIS (see 9/2 & 9/5).

Rcd. 2nd quart. royalty report from "Discovery Toys" - on BAZAAR: 1,576 units - $472.80 (still $947.00 in the hole).

Working on rules for ALL FOR ONE.

Called Scott Marley. There are still some games that they want to get rid of. Told him I'd be there this wk.

Call from Claude, back from their vacation. I'll call next wk. abt. setting up a date. The NEWS had a pc. abt. a man going into hock to publish his game - THE AMERICAN DREAM - (told Claude abt. "MB's" THE AMERICAN DREAM); they threw away the clipping, but it didn't say much abt. the game itself.

Call from Robin King. Told her I had the 2 ACQUIRE tiles she needs; GRASS and probably one or 2 others. She is trying to set up a Mensa game meeting, but oct. would be the earliest.

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Call from Michael Gilano. Told him that I hadn't had a chance to play FALCON'S MAZE or ~~SECRET~~ STEALTH yet. I did talk to people at GAMES today abt. it. Scott Marley said he liked it a lot - Wayne Schmittberger said he liked it, but felt that once you lost one pc., it was practically impossible to recover. Gilano agreed that most of the time this was true, but not always. He'll call me in a wk. or so to talk some more abt. it.

Called Walter Luc Haas - before 6 P.M. so as not to wake Hani. Walter said that it is O.K. to let it ring 4 times - also, if he doesn't pick up to try again right away - but told him I have to use an operator. I asked abt. SPIELBOX & payment for KRAWALL IM PARADIES & BREAK AWAY. He also hasn't been paid & is going to write to them. He will ask for DM1000 for KRAWALL IM PARADIES & DM500 for BREAK AWAY. He is not happy w. what is happening at the mag. Reiner Müller is leaving, and may be involved in a new mag. Walter probably will ~~leave~~ leave and doesn't know what he will do. He will check w. BASLER ZEITUNG, but doubts if they'll be interested in his doing weekly columns again. I asked if I should send him some of the GAMES I have for him; no, he is still trying to get settled in the new house. I asked him abt. things in SPIELBOX of 9/5: DIE 1. MILLION (Pg. 50) - it says it is the same game as MONAD, not that it was killed as I mistakenly translated it; BAZAAR (Pg. 27) - the variation allows a player to continue until a "card" is won, except a time limit can be imposed. He said that SHARK by "Flying Turtle Games" is an excellent financial game - like something I would do. ($18.68)

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Admission Day (Calif.)

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Prepared the Illustration sheet for ALL FOR ONE. BB typed the rules. Call from Rollie Tesh. The heads have decided that, since the set of games will be "American Classic Card Games," not to use ALL FOR ONE in the original 4. Instead they are doing CRIBBAGE LITE - altho I pointed out that it is not much known in the U.S. - but Rollie said it is a known game; they have a new solitaire version that is very good he said. He asked if I'd work on BANANA BLITZ, particularly how the 4 special cards would work. We discussed my payment & he'll call me tomorrow w. their offer. Incidentally, he said that I should keep the $500 that they sent for ALL FOR ONE - and when it is being done they will give me new advances. He asked whether I liked PERFECT UNION or OUTLANDISH better as the name for the CANASTA variation; the latter, but not strongly. In connection w. BANANA BLITZ they have been looking at variations in a number of books: JOKER HEARTS - in AINSLIE'S COMPLETE HOYLE, HOOLIGAN HEARTS, DOMINO HEARTS - a 2-hand version. I asked abt. TRIAD - definitely for the next follow-up, after ALL FOR ONE.

Rcd. package from Joli Kansil w. 3 games: TWENTY QUESTIONS & ALVA (University Games); QUARTET - THE ART COLLECTOR CARD GAME (Tate Gallery) - note from Joli on sleeve.

Rcd. letter from "Borgen Forlag - Publishers" asking for copy of and option on DENKSPIELEN - MITEINANDER GEWINNEN - for Denmark; fr. Mette Nymark.

From "Superior Simulations" rcd. quite a bit of info on their STARGLOBE PBM game. (Adressed to Sidney Sackson.) (Placed in '87 Misc. folder.)

Call from Michael Gilano ((714-474-7353)) to ask whether I rcd. STEALTH & FALCON'S MAZE; no; he'll check w. "U.P.S." Said I'd let him know when I got them.

"U.P.S." here w. STEALTH. Then came back w. FALCON'S MAZE (Falcon Games, Inc.) & CATHEDRAL (Mattel).

[redacted] Called Michael Gilano - not in - left message w. his son that I rcd. STEALTH & FALCON'S MAZE. Message on machine when we got back from shopping - Michael Gilano called & will call again.

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Rcd. an envelope with parts of several mags. from THE ANTIQUE TRADER (Feb. '87): Bruce gives early history of games in U.S., and prices for many games; pictures of AEROPLANE RACE GAME (Wolverine), AIR MAIL GAME (MB), AIRPLANE EXPRESS (MB), ANNETTE'S SECRET PASSAGE GAME (P.), BICYCLE GAME (P.), BOB FELLER'S BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL (Saalfield Publ. Co.), BOMB THE NAVY (J. Pressman), BOMBER BALL (Game Makers Inc.), THE GREAT CHARLIE CHAN DETECTIVE MYSTERY GAME (MB), CHARLIE MCCARTNY'S FLYING HATS (Whitman), CHUTES AND LADDERS (MB), CONFLICT (P.), CORNER THE MARKET (Whitman), GAME OF THE DUDES (Bliss), FLYING ACES (S&R), FOXY GRANDPA HAT PARTY (S&R), JAN-KEN-PO (P.), GAMES OF JOHN GILPIN (McLoughlin Bros.), DOUBLE GAMEBOARD/LINCOLN HIGHWAY & CHECKERS (P.), MAGIC MILES (Hasenfeld), MARY AND JOHN (MB), NATIONAL IN-DOOR BASEBALL (Harrison Game Co.), OPPORTUNITY HOUR FOR AMATEURS (American Toy Works), OUR DEFENDERS (Master Toy Co.), YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH (Gardener), PIECES OF EIGHT (P.), PLAY SAFE GAME (MB), POLLYANNA (P.), THE RADIO AMATEUR HOUR GAME (Co.-?), RAINBOW GAME (MB), RAINY DAY GOLF (S&R), THE GAME OF SCOOP! (P.), SKYSCRAPER GAME (P.), TACTICS (Northwestern Products), TACTICS-II (A.H.), "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!" (Zondine Game Co.), TAXI! (S&R), TELEGRAMS, THE GAME OF (Whitman), TELEGRAPH BOY & DISTRICT MESSENGER BOY (McLoughlin), THREE MUSKETEERS (M.B.), TO THE NORTH BY AIR-SHIP (McLoughlin), TREASURE HUNT (Cadaco-Ellis), TRILBY, THE GAME OF (Co.-?), WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF (P.), THE GAME OF WHO'S WHO (McLoughlin); ROUGH RIDERS (E.O. Clark), ROUND THE WORLD WITH NELLIE BLY (McLoughlin), BIG APPLE GAME (Rosebud).

ANTIQUE TOY WORLD (May '86) - Bruce's discussion of what gives value to games; (Aug. '86) - "McLoughlin Bros." w. THE AMUSING GAME OF CONUNDRUMS, AMBUSCADE/BOUNCE/CONSTELLATION, ROUND THE WORLD WITH NELLY BLY, DISTRICT MESSENGER BOY, TELEGRAPH BOY, REVERSI, LOGOMACHY, OR WAR OF WORDS, AVILUDE, OR GAME OF BIRDS, TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT, mention of David Greenwald; (Sept. '86) - "M.B." w. THE CHECKERED GAME OF LIFE, MODERN HIEROGLYPHICS, PATRIOT HEROES, OR WHO'S TRAITOR, CURIOUS BIBLE QUESTIONS, CROQUET, GAME OF BAMBOOZLE, OR THE ENCHANTED ISLE - "P." w. BANKING, IVANHOE, INNOCENSE ABROAD, PILLOW-DEX, HOLD THE FORT, WAR IN CUBA, SIEGE OF HAVANA, BATTLE OF MANILA, WATERLOO, NAPOLEON, CHIVALRY/CAMELOT, PIT, FLINCH, ROOK, PING-PONG, THE WONDERFUL GAME OF OZ, POLLYANNA; (Oct. '86) - AGCA convention w. THE GAME PRESERVE, THE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE OF GAMES - Lee Dennis/ANTIQUE AMERICAN GAMES, me/AGOG, Jerry Slocum - Joe Angiolillo, Darwin Bromley, David Greenwald, me, Bruce-Elayne Heither, picture of THE MANSION OF HAPPINESS; (Nov. '86) - "where past meets present" w. OLD MAID, SENET, WARI/MANCALA, HALMA, PARCHEESI, TOURING, THE LINDY GAME, BEANO/BINGO, THE LANDLORD'S GAME/MONOPOLY, SCRABBLE, WORDY (Pressman), BLOCKHEAD, BATTLESHIP/WARFARE/SALVO, SHUT-THE-BOX, & others; (Dec. '86) - on game's for X'mas & other holidays.

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Rcd. clipping from Edith Slotkin - IS THE POPE CATHOLIC? - from MIAMI HERALD.

From catalog on wines sent to Dana - which he didn't want - clipped page w. GOURMET TRIVIA GAME & LE BORDEAUX GAME.

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From John Farewell• rcd. notice of a series of mail auctions by mail- parts of the collections of S.K. Howard•, Rudolph Lehman•, & Joseph R. Cormier•- who did TRAFALGAR•. Noticed very few games listed that I didn't have- altho only had time to go over them very quickly. Short note written on 1st sheet.

Called "Merdel" and asked if they made CROKINOLE•. He told me that it was a game on their CARROM BOARD•. [redacted] He will send me catalog sheets. Compared my CARROM BOARD• w. the picture Mary Barda• sent me- resemblances, but not the same. Figured that discs must be placed on the 24 black circles and that the objective is to hit them thru the inner pegs.

Rcd. package from "MB" w. SHOGUN•- Packing sheet has Mark Morris• as sender- not Mike Gray• (see 7/22 & 7/25).

Call from Mike Gray• (by coincidence). Told him abt. getting SHOGUN•- he put me on the list. Reminded him abt. new rules for AXIS & ALLIES and he'll get them out to me. He bought a copy of 1863• (P.) for $24 and there was a "blue square northern infantry pc." missing; told him I was sorry that I hadn't sent him the set, but I'll send him the pc. He also got a copy of TYCOON• (P.) without rules; I'll send him repros. Spoke abt. FOCUS•; he gave it a big push, and winning as "Game of the Year" in Germany helped. (Took his address just in case, but later found it on 3/2.)

Call from Dan O'Neill•, to thank me ~~abt~~ for suggesting that he send DOOLITTLE & WAITE• to Eamon Bloomfield•. Eamon is selling it in England & also got it started in Germany. Dan learned that KALIKO• is being discontinued.

(Cont. from 9/12) [9/12]

Played BANANA BLITZ• by myself.
To visit the Laurences•. Played BANANA BLITZ•.
(cont. below)

(Cont. from 9/13) [9/13]

Played a lot of BANANA BLITZ• w. BB. The 2-hand really works well.

(Cont. from above) [9/12]

In PLAYTHINGS•, also a pc. on "Merdel's" CARROM BASEBALL GAME• (on page 53).

9/11

Saturday 12

Defenders' Day (Md.)

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Rcd. Sept. PLAYTHINGS. Clipped the following. Pc. on "New World Pictures Ltd." making a hostile bid for "Kenner Parker." Pc. on "Tonka" to distribute "Sega" video games. Ad for the "Atari 7800" w. pictures of the following game cartridges: SUMMER GAMES (Epyx); WINTER GAMES (Epyx); HAT TRICK (Bally Sente); KARETEKA (Broderbund); REALSPORTS BOXING (Atari); CENTIPEDE (Atari); ONE-ON-ONE BASKETBALL (Electronic Arts); DESERT FALCON (Atari); CHOPLIFTER (Broderbund); ASTEROIDS (Atari); POLE POSITION II (Namco); MS. PAC-MAN (Namco); ROBOTRON: 2084 (Williams Electronics); BALLBLAZER (LFL); FOOD FIGHT (Atari); XEVIOUS (Namco); GALAGA (Namco); Q-BERT (P.); DIG DUG (Namco); JOUST (Williams Electronics); REALSPORTS SOCCER (Atari); REALSPORTS FOOTBALL (Atari); MILLIPEDE (Atari); POLE POSITION (Namco); GALAXIAN (Namco); JUNIOR PAC-MAN (Namco); BATTLEZONE (Atari); KANGAROO (Sun Electronics); MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Broderbund); CRYSTAL CASTLES (Atari). Ad for BLARNEY (Entertainment Production House, Inc.) - sent card. Pc. on GRAND SLAM BASEBALL TRIVIA (Co.-?); Pc. on SOLDIERS (West End Games); Pc. on PIZZA PARTY (P.); Pc. on VCR BASKETBALL (VCR Enterprises). Ad by "Marino Group" for themselves & RESPONSE! (Marzip, Inc.) & TRI CHEK (J.A. Lance Co.). Ad by "Sterling Games, Inc." for ANNEX, PENTAKRIBB, & PENTAKRIBB WITH TUFACE. Ad by "West End Games" for STAR WARS: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME & STAR WARRIORS. Pc on "Mattel, SOCS develop interactive technology." Pc. on John Nason joining an ad agency; on Bernard Loomis Inc. being retained by "Western Publishing." Ad for ANCHOVY! (Joy House Enterprises) - sent card. Pc. on "Merdel Game Manufacturing Co." & their NOK HOCKEY, KIK-IT SOCCER, SKITTLES, FACE-OFF, DON MATTINGLY BASEBALL. Pc. on "BCI forms game board marketing committee." Pc. on TRI CHEK (J.A. Lance Co.). Small ads: MYDI?; HOME LAND; PHOTO FINISH; THWART (Conceptual Marketing); "Game Division for Sale" - call Bob G. (Bob Gellman, I determined); THINKLINKS (Tycvo Inc.), "Endpaper" an "Low-tech games offer stable growth market" by Robert Erickson, pres. on "Merdel Game Co." - w. mention of some standards. Ad by "TSR" for CHEERS, PERRY MASON GAME, CHASE. Also a small ad for GAME INVENTORS OF AMERICA.

Call from Burt Hochberg. He is doing an article on VCR games for a video Mag. Spoke abt. DOORWAYS TO ADVENTURE & DOORWAYS TO HORROR; he asked if they sold over 30,000 each and I told him over 50,000. At "MB" they told him that they are not going into VCR games since the volume is not enough. Sam Kjellman, who is in charge of new ventures at "P." is - of course - happy w. CLUE-. Told Burt that "A.H." has some & he'll call Tom Shaw. He asked if I knew of a list of things that a game must have that one or more of the big cos. was sending to potential inventors - no. When I told him abt. HOLIDAY w. "Ravensburger" he told me of editing the English rules for THE FLYING CARPET - he worked w. Martine Redman.

Looked for 1863 (P.) & found that I got a dupl. in '81 w. pcs. missing.

Call from Harold Saperstein - date to go there on 11/1.

Rcd. envelope from Abe Shack of "Merdel" - who I spoke to yesterday. Enclosed catalog sheet on CARROM GAMEBOARD. No letter.

(Cont. on 9/11)

13 Sunday

9/11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Grandparents Day
256/109

September 1987

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

Last Quarter
Holy Cross Day
257/108

Monday 14
September 1987

Call from Warren Holland: I will get a "Federal Express" package w. tapes of the "California Raisins" commercials & some "Peewee Herrman" shows. They are currently arranging licensing agreements to do GAMES based on these. They will come up w. dimensional mat'l. for them and I'll work out the games using the mat'l. Told him abt. my working on THE MOUSE TRAP GAME; In the package he will include a sample of their contract - for SACKSON SQUARES. When Tom Braunlich & Jim Winslow came to Virginia Beach for the NO DICE tournament Tom showed Warren an idea for "California Raisons" - altho it was simple to learn it was strategy oriented and not a fun fun game. Told him that I could send him info on GO-DICE; no time now or for other of mine he has to look at.

Rcd. notice from THE NOST that my dues were due Oct.

Letter from Ferdinand de Cassan in Austria. The SPIELEKREIS WIEN has chosen DIE 1. MILLION as possible "Game of the Year." Invited me to WIENER SPIELFEST on 11/20 to 11/22. Enclosed sheet on WIENER SPIELFEST. Issue Nr 44 of WIN, their newsletter: BLACK VIENNA (Franckh Kosmos) - w. mentions of SLEUTH, CLUEDO, & MASTERMIND; "Winserate" w. listing of many games including EXECUTIVE DECISION; "Winsight" on LOOK by Alex Randolph; "Win by Mail" - ANNO 4000, HASE & IGEL, DIPLOMACY, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN, DAMPFROSS, CITY OF SORCERERS, WELTDIPLOMACY.

Call from Felicia: She rcd. a royalty report from A.H.; without "Net Contract total" this adds up to $527.40. She rcd. check for $536.48; the 2 games that weren't mine rcd. $11.23 - leaving $525.25 for me. She wanted to call "A.H." but I told her it wasn't worth the call. Based on $525.25, she will send me $446.46.

SLEUTH - $29.20
VENTURE - $11.97
COMP. ACQ cassette - $1.40
" " Apple - $.75
Net contract total - $10.65 (??)
EX. DEC. - $.37
ACQUIRE - $483.71

Called Felicia to check - it is for 2nd quart. '87. Felicia asked me for a PLAYTHINGS subscription form - after I mentioned that "Tonka" was taking over "Kenner Parker" - altho I didn't tell her that this was where I got the info - news to her. Sent her one.

(see 9/12)

Called "J.A. Lance Co." to ask for reviews copies of TRI CHEK. Left my no. and was called by Richard Byrne, the inventor. There are changes being made & he'll get copies to Scott Marley next month. He told me abt. it and we ~~discussed~~ discussed some of the previous games - such as QUBIC (P.) & SCORE FOUR (Lakeside). In connection w. stacking pcs I mentioned my DOMINATION, which he has. As we spoke he said I'd break him - they are offering $2,500 for any further games to add to TRI CHEK. In connection w. 3-D CHESS I mentioned the booklets I have by Dr. Ferdinand Maack: SPIELREGELN ZUM RAUMSCHACH; DAS SCHACHRAUMSPIEL, RAUMSCHACH; EINFUHRUNG IN DIE SPIELPRAXIS; I'll send him repros, & he'll send me repros of his father's translation. My books came up, and he'll look for ~~[illegible]~~ a copy of AGOG in his library. His no. - ((800-533-3933)).

15 Tuesday

September 1987

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Sent $7.00 check to THE NOST• for dues.

Rcd. form letter from Mark Mero's• that a review copy of SHOGUN• was coming

Called Curtis Smith• @ "West End Games" - he apologized for not calling me. They are busy w. "Star Wars" now, but they definitely want to do IT'S A DEAL• & 2 other of my games. He will call me towards the end of Oct. to set a date for him & Lee Gelber• to come here to look.

Called Wayne Schmittburger•. Told him abt. the books by Dr. Ferdinand Maack. He has heard abt. them and has some of the info. He'd like to get repros of the books and of the translations by Richard Byrne•'s father. He said that I could tell Byrne that he - Wayne - has some ideas for 3-D CHESS•. I asked, and I haven't seen them. I'm to call next wk. to see abt. their moving - to arrange to go for the repros.

Rcd. the tapes of "Raisins" commercials & "Pee-Wee's Playhouse." Also rcd. a sample "Decipher" contract. Had a few questions, & definitely object to any lawsuit being my problem completely.

While looking for something else came across SHIFTING BARRIERS• (see 7/13/63). Thinking abt. the CHESS•-type variation. 4 additional pcs. can each have 3 colors on them - making 10 pcs. per player.

Third Payment of Federal Income Tax Due.

Wednesday 16

September 1987

259/106

Letter from Warren D. Cole asking abt. his PUZZLE STRUGGLE, which he gave me on 2/12.

To "Dollar" to check thru safe deposit. Other finances during day.

Call from & to Claude, to talk abt. date on 9/25.

Call from Minda Zetlin, who did the "Guru of Games" article. She has a chance to do a smaller article for NEWS Magazine section. Spoke to BA abt. it & called her back - She'll arrange to come here in a month or so. Told her how cluttered I was w. the GAMES "games giveaway"; she thought that that might make for interesting pictures.

Minda Zetlin
(212) 807-8162

Looking @ STEALTH & FALCON'S MAZE (Falcon Games).

17 Thursday
September 1987

Citizenship Day
U.S. Constitution adopted 1787
260/105

Call from Larry Mass. "Matchbox" said "no" on NINE OF SWORDS. They are doing a PUZZLE from "Seven Towns" that is "self-contained. Sometime next month Larry will drop NINE OF SWORDS & TAKEOVER off here. I asked abt. ACROSS/TOUCH & GO - he'll check w. Tom Kremer when he is in London.

From Michael Gray rec'd. the 2nd edition rules for AXIS & ALLIES (M.B.).

Call from Felicia. She asked, and I told her to hold on to the "A.H." check until we get together on 9/23.

BB called 42nd St. library & got a number for an organization that has a library of all the "Foundations" - on Union Square. She called there to find out when they were open.

I called P.O. to get info on mailing books abroad by air mail. The service is "printed Matter" - not "Books". To Denmark 12 oz. is $4.12 16 oz. is $5.20.

While looking for something else came across LEVEL BEST that I worked on w. Hank Atkins in '80. Have record that I wrote the rules, but couldn't find them, or how the game played.

Friday 18 September 1987

261/104

Rcd. 3 copies of Oct./Nov. '87 GAMES. Letter w. some interesting shapes for RUBIK'S MAGIC. Murder mystery based on SCRABBLE. An adventure puzzle by Scott Manley - ESCAPE FROM THE FOREST. Ad by "Gaming Universal" for KINGS & THINGS - the official PBM version, EARTHWOOD, WARP FORCE EMPIRES, FLEET MANEUVERS, HYBORIAN WAR, and their mag - GAMING UNIVERSAL. "Best Games of the Year": JITTERS (MB), THE NEXT WORD (Decipher), BOGGLE BOWL (P.), WORD RUMMY (S. & P.); ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE GAME (Mayfair Games), CLUE II VCR MYSTERY GAME (P.); MAGIC 4 (Discovery Toys) - w. mention of TOUCHE (Gabriel), SUPER CHESS (Super Chess Inc.), SCEPTRE 1027 A.D. (Horizon Games), FIRST TO FIVE (Tedco), LEMMA (Kadon), BAZAAR (Discovery Toys), TRAVERSE (Glacier), NO DICE (Decipher), CATHEDRAL (Mattel); TWENTY QUESTIONS (University), LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS (Pressman), ALVA (University), FAST FAX (Games Gang), SALE OF THE CENTURY (American Publishing); PLATOON (A.H.), SHOGUN (M.B.), BRITANNIA (A.H.), ONSLAUGHT - D-DAY TO THE RHINE (TSR), KNIGHTS OF THE AIR (A.H.), CHICKAMAUGA (West End), 2ND FLEET (Victory); KINGS AND THINGS (West End), THE WARLOCK OF FIRETOP MOUNTAIN (Games Workshop), DARK BLADES (Standard Games and Publications Ltd.), [redacted] ROGUE TROOPER (Games Workshop), DELUXE OGRE (Steve Jackson), (ISAAC ASIMOV'S) STAR TRADER (Steve Jackson), TRAVELLER: 2300 (GDW), STAR WARS (West End); ULTIMATUM (Bates Games), POWER (Power Games), WAY OF THE WARRIOR (Ronin Enterprises), LEGEND OF CAMELOT (Hoyle Products), EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE (Discovery Toys); THE PUZZLER (Denver Mold Engineering), SPIN-OUT (Binary Arts), I-QUBE (Amuse Inc), ADAMS CUBE (Adams Design); THE COUCH POTATO GAME (TDC), BROADWAY (TSR) THE AMAZEING LABYRINTH (Ravensburger), JAGGER (Games Gang), WIN, LOSE OR DRAW - w. mention of PICTIONARY, ULTIMATE GOLF (Ultimate Gifts), IN PURSUIT OF PAR (Pursuit of Par Enterprises. "The Gallery": TETRAD (Green Cheese Publications); LOGIC PROBLEMS (Penny Press) - a periodical; NEMESIS (Crystalline Creations, Inc.) - a GO program; "Xanadu Leisure, Ltd." - MARRAKESH, BRIDGETTE, ZIG ZAG; CROSSFIRE (Fox Lake Games); WASHERS (Washers) - backyard game; FLEET MANEUVERS (Fantastic Simulations). Ad [redacted] for PAPER MAYHEM - PBM magazine. Ad by "TSR" for CHEERS, PERRY MASON GAME, CHASE.

On WWOR's noon news Jim Dunnigan was there discussing the US/Russian treaty on atomic weapons.

Call from Joli Kansil. He is working on some ad mat'l. Someone told him he saw MARRAKESH in GAMES; Joli asked if it was in the shorter list replacing GAMES 100; I checked and found it was just in the ad he placed. He called Phil Orbanes to confirm that "P." didn't want X-WORD; I asked if he planned to do anything w. it now; yes, and he'd like me to start working on it. (When he saw Phil last yr. Phil said that "P." was going to have a good yr.; he bought some "P." stock and made a good profit on it.)

Called Dave Greenwald. Got his machine and left message that I wondered if he was back from Australia yet.

Went over the games I got at GAMES on 9/10.

19 Saturday

September 1987

262/103

Package from Joli Kansil w. SECRETWORD (SecretWord Co.) - w. short note.

Letter from Bill Riva: "Why hasn't he heard from me?" Enclosed royalty report for FOCUS w. "F. Germany": DM 13,30 for Aug.; DM 586,32 for yr. so far.

Rcd. catalog from "Bits & Pieces" - The Great International Puzzle Collection: NEO JUNGLE, HEXADECIMAL PUZZLE, THE GARDEN GAME, DOUBLE TROUBLE; CRIME AND PUZZLEMENT & CRIME AND PUZZLEMENT 2 (2 books), CAPTAIN KIDD'S LEGACY, PUZZLES OLD & NEW (book), SPIN-OUT, MADDENING MAZES, THE LEGEND OF THE SWORD IN THE STONE; HOW TO HOST A MURDER, INTELLIGENCE GAMES (Book), ALL TIED UP, ULTIMATE GOLF, MONEY HUNT, MURDER MYSTERY MINI PUZZLES - 4 diffs. titles; MURDER MYSTERY PARTY; DECIPHER III, THE EMERALD SPY, DEATH BY DIET (Placed w. catalogs.)

To Dale's. At garage sale bought LUCK PLUS (International Games) (25¢) - dupl. At "Cost Cutters" bought 20 square pattern boxes (88¢ ea).

Message from Warren Holland: He may try calling me again tomorrow. He asked if I have looked at the tapes he sent me - rcd. 9/15.

Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Sunday 20
September 1987

263/102

From Daily NEWS• clipped reviews of BATAILLE DE MOTS• (Gessler Educational Software) & LINKWORD• (ArtWorx).

Watched the tapes of "Raisins" commercials & 3 of "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" that Warren Holland• sent me.

Called Herb Levy•. Unless I hear otherwise from them our date is on 10/16 here. He got a call from someone at "Discovery Toys." She plugged BAZAAR• & EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE•- & will send him review copies. Told him that I'd like to trade for THE THIRD ESTATE• & GRAND TOTAL•, altho parts are missng from latter.

Will Shortz• on WNYC w, puzzle on man whose words were read by millions, but by noone after making one mistake.

21 Monday
September 1987

St. Matthew
264/101

From Edith Slotkin• rcd. clipping from MIAMI HERALD• abt. MONOPOLY• champ "Harry Peters"– w. his tips on good play. Later in day heard on radio that he won the U.S. MONOPOLY• championship.

Call from Felicia•. TIMES• had a long article on a U.S. GO• tournement; she didn't keep it for me.

2nd call from Felicia•. She gave me an address for Bill Riva• (12E) that she got from Maria. Felicia told ~~him~~ Maria abt. my getting cut off after me ring and Maria said they'd never cut me off.

Bill Riva• (12E)
993 Park Ave.
NYC 10028
572-9232

Called "Decipher" and neither Warren Holland• nor Sophia available.

Call from Dave Greenwald• in answer to my message. He has been back from Australia for some time, but didn't call because he had "nothing to show me." Spoke abt. him visiting, and he'll try to get a girl friend w. a car to drive him. He mentioned some kind of a project where he needed "patriotic" games. When I told him abt. CONVOY BATTLE ACTION• he said he'd like it, and would find something to trade for. He put some kind of an ad in the telephone book (?)– and the "Audubon Society" contacted him abt. doing a GAME• for them.

Tuesday 22

New Moon

265/100

September 1987

Rcd. GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 6). "Philosophy": ORIGINS '87, CIRCUS MAXIMUS, RUSSIAN FRONT, STORM OVER ARNHEM, UP FRONT/BANZAI, SPEED CIRCUIT, DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, TITAN, STELLAR CONQUEST, DUNE, ACQUIRE, CIVILIZATION, RICHTHOFEN'S WAR, AIR FORCE/DAUNTLESS, ASL, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN, WAR & PEACE; TV WARS, FLIGHT LEADER, HEDGEROW HELL, STREETS OF FIRE, RAID ON ST. NAZAIRE, PLATOON, FIREPOWER, BRITANNIA, PATTON'S BEST, YANKS. Ad for PATTON'S BEST; for HEDGEROW HELL. Articles on 1830, including variants. Article on Nicaragua & FIREPOWER. Ad for CENTRAL AMERICA: THE UNITED STATES BACKYARD WAR (Victory Games). 2 ASL scenarios. Article on RAIL BARON; on THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN; on DEVIL'S DEN; on PAX BRITANNICA; on CIVILIZATION; on MAGIC REALM. Ad for SUPER SUNDAY (Microcomputer Div.). "Summary" of EMPIRES IN ARMS. Ad for NBA (Microcomputer Div.).

Rcd. form mailing from Bill Alexander of AGCA asking for my $20 dues. Included "Table of Contents" for GAME TIMES (Vol. III #2 Issue #7).

Called Wayne Schmittberger, GAMES. They have moved to ((810 7th Ave.)) & the telephone number remains the same ((212-246-4640)). I'll call next wk. to arrange to come in & repro the Dr. Ferdinand Maack books.

Call from Rollie Tesh to speak abt. BANANA BLITZ. He thinks that the "Wild" cards shouldn't be counted as Bananas in scoring if a player doesn't have a blitz - I didn't agree (but later changed my mind). He suggested allowing a blitz without the $10 - I suggested this as optional. He also spoke abt. some of the copy they are using, and will send me repros of the art work.

Call from Debbie Glivar ((219 Tompkins Ave., Hastings on Hudson 10706, (914)-478-1147)). She & Bob Wittrock have broken up, but she'd still like to get together; we definitely want to keep seeing her. Told her that Robin King was setting up a date in Oct., and gave her Robin's no.

23 Wednesday

September 1987

First Day of Autumn

266/99

Rcd. my membership card for THE NOST - Sept. '87 to Oct. '88 (??).

W. BB to pick up Felicia & Doris; to "Anna's Harbor" on City Island; then drove them back to Felicia's. (Very pleasant, except the driving especially going back from Felicia's.) Felicia mentioned that Olga Sokich said that she enjoyed visiting here. Felicia is submitting abt. 8 children's GAMES to P. She asked if I had heard from Chris Campbell; no. Felicia gave me a check for $446.46 (see 9/14).

Call from Warren Holland on machine. I can call him tomorrow.

Rosh Hashanah 5748,
Jewish New Year
267/98

Thursday 24
September 1987

Call from Bryan Mattimore. For his program - "Meet the Inventors" - he was interested in the inventor of GHOSTS! - who he heard was very prolific; told him it was Alex Randolph, but that he lives in Venice. He asked abt. other possibilities? I mentioned Bob Abbott, who he heard of and (I believe) spoken to; and gave him Bob's number; also Charlie Phillips; and gave him P's no.; also Michael Gray & suggested that he call M.B. & mention me when to speaks to Mike. He asked abt. a home for my collection and I told him abt. the "doctorate" problem. He is going to be speaking w. someone connected w. a college and who is working on a patent library in New Haven - he'll ask abt. my collection. He called WNYC and they were interested in possibly having him on; told him abt. being on "All Things Considered". I asked if he planned to be in N.Y.C. - in the not to distant future & he'd love to see my collection, which he hasn't seen. He has done some kind of a quiz, which Scot Morris will do in OMNI, and he was on a WNBC radio program on it.

Letter to Bill Alexander, w. $20 check for my AGCA dues.

Letter to "Borgens Forlag A/S" on DENKSPIELEN-MITEINANDER GEWINNEN/ BEYOND COMPETITION; to Mette Nymark.

Called Warren Holland. Not in, and didn't call me back.

Call from Claude, to check on our date tomorrow.

Asked Dana to look for the GO tournament in TIMES (see 9/21).

25 Friday
September 1987

American Indian Day
268/97

Called Warren Holland; & finally we got together. He said that he had intended to have me work from scratch on the "Raisins" GAME; However Tom Braunlich sent in a game which they will try; possibly I may be called on to work on the play. For "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" they are making a 3-D mold of the playhouse. They are thinking of a non-competative play - I told them abt. BEYOND COMPETITION. They are also providing masks so that everybody can be "Pee-Wee." They feel that this will appeal to adults. I'll hold off on both of these until I hear from him. I asked abt. the contract for JACKSON SQUARES & he hasn't had a chance to talk to their lawyer yet; but he is sure it can be worked out. Told him that I'll probably be in the NEWS sunday mag.

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (93 Sept.). Reviews of BLOCK MANIA & MEGA MANIA (Games Workshop); THE TALISMAN DUNGEON (Games Workshop); DEATH ON THE REIK a WARHAMMER supplement (G.W.); RUNEQUEST MONSTERS - Role Playing Aid book (G.W./Chaosium/A.H.); DESERT OF DESOLATION & TREASURE HUNT - AD&D adventures (TSR); CHASE (TSR). "Getting Away from Most of It" - an AD&D Tournament adventure. Ad for TOP SECRET/S.I. (TSR). Article on WARHAMMER 40,000. Ad for WARHAMMER 40,000, IMPERIAL SPACE MARINES, SPACE ORK RAIDERS. EUREKA - a WARHAMMER adventure. Listing of many U.S. games for sale by "Games Workshop." Article on BLOOD ROYALE. Ad for GAMES DAY 87 - (9-10-11 Oct.). Solitaire rules for ROGUE TROOPER. Characters for JUDGE DREDD RPG - article on. Ad for DEATH ZONE - a BLOOD BOWL expansion set; JUDGE DREDD COMPANION - a JUDGE DREDD RPG supplement. Loose folder on DRAGONMEET BALTIMORE (Nov. 27-29) - w. listing of tournaments, etc. - Steve Jackson guest of honor.

Call from Rollie Tesh; Asked if I rcd. repros of the art mat'l. on NEW AMERICAN CARD CLASSICS; no. He'll call again Monday on it. Told him I thought abt. it & agree that the wild cards don't have to count as Bananas in the scoring. He mentioned hearing abt. a new card game - NOT NECESSARILY RUM.

To Claude: Brought him a booklet of cartoon Jokes I bought at a garage sale somewhere. At "TSS-Seedman" (spelling?) bought box of 1000 3"x5" index cards ($3.49). After Rockaway & Glendale Diner to their house. Played 2 games of BANANA BLITZ, first w. getting the ♠10 necessary for a blitz, the 2nd without. I did get 12 "hearts" in one hand, but not the ♠10. They liked it. Anne saw an article in NEWS abt. someone selling PUZZLES for cereal boxes, but couldn't find it. Someone from CA called Claude to tell him how much he liked LOA; he saw it in Aegis at a library and then bought a copy - paperback - @ "Dalton's."

Saturday 26 September 1987

269/96
W. BB to "Ardsley Village Sale." Bought BENT OUTTA SHAPE (Gabriel) (75¢). At a garage sale bought abt. 70 3"x1" red "Avery Labels" (50¢).

Call from Anne Soucie. She found the "cereal box" article she mentioned seeing in the NEWS. Actually it is mysteries, & she'll save it for me. (Later saw Angela Lansbury advertising them on "Total" cereal.)

Visit from Laurences. Played BANANA BLITZ and, altho Annette said she was tired, she didn't mind it too much.

27 Sunday

September 1987

Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
270/95

Started looking @ ~~the~~ games I got at GAMES on 9/1.

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

Monday 28 September 1987

271/94

Looking @ games I got at GAMES on 9/1.

Call from Rollie Tesh. Spoke abt. the art work for NEW AMERICAN CARD CLASSICS a little. He suggested leaving out the numbers on the "wild" cards for BANANA BLITZ to make it easier for kids - (actually he at first wanted to leave out the wild cards all together - and I said then we had HEARTS). He got another call, and he'll call me next wk. Thinking that for simple version the wild cards can only be used when out of the suit, and that they always win except when a later "wild" is played. Also thinking that keeping score would be hard for kids; however having one hand as a game would usually give the game to the player who gets the good 7.

Called Phil Orbaneş. In CA till Fri. One of us will call on Fri.
Called Bill Riva - again got one click.
Called Ben Mayrais - told him I was too busy to write; liked the ad folder for SEMPER FI. He brought up my additional payment which should go out in a wk. or so. I asked him to send the expense money - $24.75 as a separate check and not included on the 1099.

Further thought on BANANA BLITZ without scoring a series of games - the good 7 cuts any bad score in half - and the bad ten could double the bad scores. This could be used for the cumulative scoring also.

Called Claude. We have a date on 10/3 - details to be arranged.

29 Tuesday

September 1987

Michaelmas
St. Michael and All Angels
272/93

Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (Oct. '87). Ruth Routberg does "Count on these math Games to please!": ODD BALLS (Edmund Scientific), GOTCHA! (Educational Insights), SOLVE IT! (Educational Teaching Aids), others - none are really games in my context.

Started 2-hand BANANA BLITZ w. BB, but stopped after having all "wild" cards the same didn't work out. Then thought of numbering them 13-14-15-16. Also thinking of making 11 the req'd. no, for a "blitz" in the basic game.

Called Wayne Schmittberger. Any time next wk. is O.K. to go to GAMES to repro the Dr. Ferdinand Maack books. Later this wk. a "PBS" crew will be there to film him talking abt. CHESS variants - to use as a filler during the CHESS championship matches.

Looking @ games I got at GAMES on 9/1.

Wednesday 30

First Quarter

September 1987

273/92

Finished looking @ games I got at GAMES on 9/11.

Rcd. 2 copies of DENKSPIELEN - MITEINANDER GEWINNEN; the games are called KUNDSCHAFTER IM ALL, BODENSCHÄTZE, S.O.S., FRIEDENSKONFERENZ, ZAUBERKUGELN, RUNDE UM RUNDE. Checked contract (see 3/25/83) - and I am entitled to 10 copies.

Call from Nick Baker of "BBC" - from England. Arranged that he'll come here on 10/27 - abt. 10A.M. - to spend the day looking at my collection and taping our conversation. He'll call me when he gets to the U.S.

Played BANANA BLITZ w. BB, and the new rules worked well.

Call from Claude for date this Sat. Anne would like to go for a ride in the country, and it is her birthday.

Call from Robin King. She'll have the next "Mensa" at her house. We set 10/18 as the date. I asked if she heard fran Debbie Glivar; no - told her abt. Debbie's 9/22 call. I'll call Debbie abt. it. I asked if it would be all right to tell Claude & Dave Greenwald abt. the meeting; O.K.

1 Thursday

October 1987

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Rcd. copy of WIZARD (K. Fisher Enterprises Ltd.) from Joli Kaus - w. note saying it is almost identical to OH HELL!, OH PSHAW, or BLACKOUT. I mentioned David Pritchard.

Rcd. letter from Nick Baker of "BBC" - sent on 8/5, surface mail.

Rcd. royalty report from "Simon & Schuster" - PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD. Still $1,019 in the hole.

Call from Rollie Tesh. Told him a'bt. my new ideas for BANANA BLITZ & he liked them. He'd like something for kids - 6 to 9 year old - and suggested DOMINO HEARTS as a starting pt., especially for 2 players, I brought up that rather than a small variant on a std. game, I had come up w. a pretty new game. He agreed that I should get a higher royalty however because of the football strike the sales of NFL TRIVIA GAME is being hurt. He suggested his asking the principals to increase my royalties after the first 100,000 are sold; I said fine.

Felicia called, spoke to BB, and wished us a happy holiday.

Friday 2
October 1987

275/90

Call from Phil Orbaneş• on machine when we got back from doctor. Called him; out and he called me back. Told him abt. Jim Dunnigan• on TV - he hasn't heard from Jim either. In talking abt. game cos, in general he mentioned that George Dunsay• is no longer involved w. internal R&D @ "Hasbro" - just Inventor Relations. Asked him abt. CAN'T STOP•/GETTING AHEAD; when they rcd. my info on it they got an idea for some kind of a licensing tie-in, which they are now working on; it would be more adult oriented than my idea; he can't divulge the details.

Called Claude• for final arrangements on tomorrow's visit.

Late call from Kathy Jones•. Didn't quite get the details, but she has a constant supply of pc. in the following shape and she asked if TROMINO GO•/TRO-GO• could be played with them. She'll send me a set to test it and I'll call w. the results.



3 Saturday
October 1987

Yom Kippur,
Day of Atonement
276/89

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION• (Nov. '87). Matthew Costello• writes abt. "Miniatures" - w. mentions of D&D•; SHADOWS & STEEL• (RAFM Company Inc.), VAMPYRES OF TANDALOOR• (RAFM); CALL OF CTHULHU•; DC HEROES•.

Called Ronnie Corn• to check if date for 10/10 was still on. Yes, the govt. bus. w. Germany just wound up.

Called Debbie Oliver• & left message abt. "Mensa" meeting on 10/18.

Rcd. check for $284.75 (actually $10 too much) for SEMPER FI•.

To Claude's. At a sidewalk sale bought DALLAS• (Mego Corp.) (35¢)- dupl. (After supper at Chinese restaurant to their house.) Played BANANA BLITZ• 4-hand. First game w. "wilds" not having to be bananas in scoring; second w. "wilds" being bananas, and this worked easier.

Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost
St. Francis of Assisi
277/88

Sunday 4
October 1987

On sheet of paper playing same games of TRO-GO w. the new shaped pcs. (discarded). Seems to work fine.

Looked at DOMINO HEARTS in a book. I can make it work w. my new ideas for BANANA BLITZ.

(Cont. from 10/6) [10/6]

Call from George Propsom of "Western Publishing." He was interested in a game featuring "Alfred Hitchcock". Told him I thought it was called "who" - but that I'd check. He'll call back for the name, and also where one might be bought. Asked him abt. the copies of OUTBURST & OUT OF CONTEXT that I was told on 2/11 would be sent to me; he'll see that they are sent. Told him that I got copy of SOLARQUEST (a GAMES). (When did I get it?)
Found that the game was WHY (MB-'58) - and that I had at least one dupl.
2nd call from Propsom. Told him the name of the game and that I had a dupl. He said he'd rather try a dealer. Gave him "Darrow's" number here in Manhattan and same in the AGCA listing.

Sent copy of BEYOND COMPETITION to Mette Nymark ($6.28).

(Cont. from 10/7) [10/8]

Called Debbie Glivar (and she said she rcd. my message and was intending to call tonight). She'd like to come to the "Mensa" meeting on 10/18 but Anne & Bob Abbott are visiting her on 10/17 & might decide to sleep over. She'll let me know.

BB & Annette Laurence went to the "Foundation Library" on Union Square. Spoke to the woman in charge who said that it is up to the school that would want to set up a game library to approach a foundation. However if all the games were old a foundation would be interested, since that would make it "history."

[Started 10/8]

Called Felicia to check on her cold; to ask her if she heard anything abt Peter Riva's condition - no. Told her abt. my meeting w. Bill Riva.

5 Monday

October 1987

Child Health Day

278/87

To GAMES (after dropping car at McKenzie). Made 3 sets of repros for the Dr. Ferdinand Maack books: SPIELREGELN ZUM RAUMSCHACH; RAUMSCHACH: EINFÜHRUNG IN DIE SPIELPRAXIS, DAS SCHACHRAUMSPIEL - left one on Wayne Schmittberger's desk (not in today). Made repro of rules for TYCOON (P.) - to send to Mike Gray. Made repros of the following games: POWER QUEST (P.Q. Games) - Pretty complete info including board; PICTURE THIS (Marchon, Inc.) - Complete info except just a sampling of the cards; WALL STREET GAMES - Instruction booklet only; THE SYNDICATE (Tri-Ascend) - Rules only; BOARD TALK - (Continental G.I., Inc.) - rules only (later found I got repros on 11/1/84). Repro of ad sheet for PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES (Eagle Enterprises) - rules were in box cover.

John Keenan gave me a letter to me from "Jopco, Inc." w. info on their TRADITION - CHILDREN'S EDITION - w. mention of their TRADITION - & offer of a review copy. John gave me 2 copies of Deluxe GAMES (Oct/Nov. '87) - (see 3/18 for listing of contents). Spoke to Scott Marley abt. possible reviews; STRANDED will be in Dec/Jan. issue; he doesn't know if he'll have room for one by me in next issue. Wayne will review STEALTH. Scott is contacting "TSR" to ask for PERRY MASON GAME; I asked & he'll request one for me. They like HOSTAGE (Tabby Toys), but got no answer; I'm to check if I have any later info (don't). He mentioned I BET I KNOW, a pretty std. trivia game, but Wayne Schmittberger edited the questions (I am pretty sure) and Scott says they are much more cultural than TRIVIAL PURSUIT; didn't look at it. Scott said that they will be testing "P's" INSTANT REPLAY - w. the second one, the turntable in the first didn't work at all. He also said that he liked "P's" MONSTER MASH (was he serious?).

Letter from Mette Nymark of "Borgen Forlag - Publishers" asking me to send copy of BEYOND COMPETITION.

From David Watts rcd. tube w. 2 maps for RAILWAY RIVALS - China & India.

BB got call from George Propsom - he'll call tomorrow.

Call from Felicia - can't remember what abt. [redacted]

Call from Bill Riva. He has a box w. my game models, but doesn't have the cash to send them. Arranged that I'll go there early on Thurs. to pick them up.

[illegible]

10/4

Tuesday 6

Full Moon

279/86 #47.

October 1987

Rcd. J&S. News abt. CHESS, SCRABBLE, GO, CHINESE CHESS, BRIDGE, DAMES, OTHELLO, a new game museum in Switzerland. Reviews of: LE ROYAUME DES 5 COURONNES (Habourdin); LE JEU DAS SPIEL (Franckh); VAEVA (Noyolud); LA PETANQUE (Mazas Editions); DAMES 2000 (The Flying Turtle). Article on D&D. Ad by "Jeuplay" for SHOOT, PYRAMIDE, PAX, 4x4 AFRICAIN, JEU DE TROIE. Ad by "FIL" for LES MUTANTS, MISSIONS EN RAFALE. Ad by "Schmidt-France" for L'OEIL NOIR, CHILL. Article on SINBAD (Cinemaware). "Jeux Pour Micros": RUSSIA (SSG); DEFENDER OF THE CROWN (Master Designer Software/Cinemaware); STARGLIDER (Rainbird); DES CHIFFRES ET DES LETTRES (Loriciels); LE TRESOR DES BASKERVILLE (Chip); CESSNA OVER MOSCOW (Hitech Productions); MASQUE (Ubi Soft); MARBLE MADNESS (Electronic Arts/Atari Games); KARMA (Loriciels); DEJA VU (Icom Simulations); PROFANATION (Chip); OK COW BOY (Infogrames); NEMESIS THE WARLOCK (Martech); LE MANOIR DE MORTEVIELLE (B&JL Langlois et Kyilkhor création); LIVINGSTONE (Microids); UNINVITED (L'INTRUS) (Icom Simulations); FAERY TALE (Micro Illusions); BATTLEFRONT (SSG); SUPER FLIPPARD (Free Game Blot); RACTER (Mindscape); PULSATOR (Martech); INVITATION (Loriciels); JAMES DEBUG II: LE MYSTÈRE DE PARIS (Coktel Vision); LAST MISSION (Loriciels); MUTANTS (Ocean); COSA NOSTRA (Loriciels); GARDEN PARTY (Free Game Blot); GOLF TROPHEE (Cobra Soft). Rules & program for GOBELINS CONNEXION. Program for UN SPARRING PARTNER! "La merveilleuse histoire des jeux" w.: NOUVEAU JEU DE CARTES (B.P. Grimaud), WHIST/BRIDGE; JEU DES QUATRARMES (Bouquet); HALMA (John Jaques and Sons), REVERSI (J.J. and Sons), and others. Article by François Pingaud w. VECTEURS (D'apres VECTOR; Ed. F.X. Schmid); QUANDARY (Editions Spear's); BOXE (Sid Sackson); BLEU ET GRIS (Henry Busch et Arthur Jaeger). Complete game - L'INVASION DES KROLLS. Columns on CHESS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BRIDGE, GO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO.

Rcd. NOST-ALGIA (Sept.-Oct. '87 - #303). Phil Cohen gives rules & sample game of WILDEBEEST CHESS - by Wayne Schmittberger; short rules for DYNAMO CHESS, REINCARNATION CHESS, GO CORNER GAME. "The history of CHESS" by George R. Dekle w. CHATRANG & some other names.

Rcd. GAME TIMES (Vol. III #2/Issue #7/Summer '87). Farewell editorial & info on new job - Bruce Whitehill. History of "Transogram" - w. Charles S. Raizen, ORJE, THE MYSTIC PROPHET, BIG BUSINESS, MOVIE MILLIONS etc. Pc. on collection of Bill & Debbie Boyd - w. THE MANSION OF HAPPINESS, THE CHECKERED GAME OF LIFE, MONOPOLY, etc. Pc. on AUTHORS, etc. by Lee Dennis. Pc. by Dave Greenwald on his trip to Austral. a - w. ADVENTURES OF A MAILMAN, THE CENTENARY AIR RACE GAME, BOOMERANGA, BOUND FOR BERLIN, CHUNG KUO CHUN TZU, COOTIE, PETER CODDLES TRIP TO NEW YORK AROUND THE COMMONWEALTH BY AIRPLANE, EUCHRE, TOTOPOLY, TRYLINE FOOTBALL, TRIPLE UP. Pc. by Bruce Whitehill on DERBY DAYS WITH HURDLES (P.), SUBSTITUTE GOLF (John Wanamaker), WEMET GOLF (McLoughlin). Pc. on GAMERS ALLIANCE w. Herb Levy. Pc. on Arthur & Ellen Liman, their collection, FORTUNE mag., etc. Rules for DIAMOND CHECKERS; HOWDY DO! KANGAROO. "Game Collector's Glossery." Pc. on PARK & SHOP (Traffic Game Inc./MB). Article on AMERICAN SQUAILS, SKITTLES. Pc. on Phil Orbanes on Randolph Barton. More. Letter from Bill Alexander abt. my dues.

(cont. on 10/4)

7 Wednesday

October 1987

280/85

From Edity Slotkin rcd. clipping fr. MIAMI HERALD on POLYGLOT.

Tried to call Bill Riva to change date tomorrow, but just got crossed wires, one ring shut-offs (which operator said was probably a full tape), and no answers.

Call from Rollie Tesh. Told him that the DOMINO HEARTS ideas could be combined w. my BANANA BLITZ ideas. Now he is not sure whether they want a children's version. Altho he doesn't have a definite answer he thinks that my royalties will be raised after the initial run of 100,000 is replenished - and this is 25,000 of each of the 4 titles. They have set up a network of reps, and presently don't have much for them to show. They are trying to prepare a one-time listing of games; so far they have QUANTUM & STEALTH interested. He asked, and I told him I'd have some suggestions when he calls me tomorrow. Started a listing.

(Cont. from 10/8) [10/8]

Message on machine from Stephen Yennaco - to call him @ (617-521-1377) Called, and he was interested in a review for SEMPER FI in GAMES mag. Told him that it was probably too specialized for the mag., but when he said he thought it should be of interest told him that he'd have to send a copy to Scott Manley - and he said he would. Told him that the check I rcd. on 10/3 was $10 too high.

Call from Ben Maurais - Yennaco told him that I was owed more money. No, I rcd. $10 too much. He said to send it back, but I mentioned my telephone calls and he dropped it. I asked when I'd be receiving a copy and he said I'd have to pay the wholesale price. Told him I was told that I'd get a copy - and also that pictures would be taken here for an article in the NEWS and I could make sure that it would show. He said he'd send one.

Called Scott Manley to tell him that he'll be getting a copy of SEMPER FI, even tho I told "Big Ben Games" that it was too limited; he'll look at it. He mentioned seeing "S & R's" SECRET WEAPON at "The Compleat Strategist," but not in their catalog; I'll check. He has called "TSR" for copies of PERRY MASON GAME. He mentioned (why?) WALL STREET GAME, THE (American Games) as being good, altho not great; (reproed complete info on 8/26/86). Asked to be connected to Wayne Schmittberger, but not at his desk. Told Scott abt. HOSTAGE info - same as his.

Call fran Wayne Schmittberger. He had some of the info that was in Dr. Ferdinand Maack's book, but this is much more complete; he reads some German, but a translation would be very welcome. He rcd. a call from Rollie Tesh and gave him info on INSURE - "AMBAC", not having pushed it for stores, has a lot on hand. Told him I had info for Scott; not at his desk and Wayne will have him call me.

When Scott Manley didn't call, I called him. Told him that I found SECRET WEAPON in "S & R's" '86 catalog, and also that I saw that it originated in Canada.

(cont. on 10/4)

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10/4

Thursday 8 October 1987

Sukkoth, Feast of Tabernacles

281/84

To Bill Riva, bringing his airline ticket back to him. He gave me a box of my items - including DOMINO BEAD GAME, ONE GOOD TURN, NEAT FIT - none in complete form. Also set of TREFFLES and some misc. mat'l. not mine. Gave me repros on some ad mat'l. he rcd. from INVENTION SUBMISSION CORP. He was depressed abt. the game business - or lack thereof. I suggested that he follow Felicia's advice on inventing his own toys. Gave him box of strudles that BB baked for him yesterday. He will be going to Europe in abt. a wk. and will check the game cos. there. His son Peter is quite sick, and Felicia has a bad cold. On way back to subway stopped in a fancy toy store on 86th St. saw that "Orda" has changed the name of UPPER HAND to USE YOUR MARBLES.

From Kathy Jones rcd. set of 30 pcs. for the new version of TRO-GO (see 10/2). Played by myself & w. BB. Seems to work at least as well as the "square" pcs. Packaged pcs. in a plastic box I had around. Covering letter from Kathy.

Continued the listing of games for Rollie Tesh. The list finally consisted of: CAMPAIGN (Family Affair Game Co.) - Joseph Callero; SUE FOR A MILLION (Laurel Games, Inc.) - Gary Sherbell; DOOLITTLE & WAITE (Inward Games) - Daniel O'Neill; ANNEX (Sterling Games); CHEKIT (Chekit, Inc.) - Tom Morley; STAK ATTACK (R 3rd Corp.) - Rick Dunn; PUZZLE STRUGGLE (Innotoy) - Warren D. Cole; WILDCATTER (JC Productions); OIL POWER (Antfamco). He called me back for some further info, and said that of those he called the only answer he got was [redacted] w. Gary Sherbell; he left a lot of messages on machines. "JC Productions" wasn't there anymore according to telephone information; he thinks that Steve Peek & "Yaquinto" were involved in getting it - WILDCATTER - published; he feels that Peek paints too rosey a picture of making it in games - I said it was like the "vanity press." Told Rollie I decided to count wild cards as bananas in figuring the score, in BANANA BLITZ. In connection w. the time I spent getting the listing, he said that I should be recompensed; I said that sending me copies of games they handle that I don't have would be enough. He mentioned KEY-CUE & SHAFT - both card games; told him I'd like both, altho I might have the latter. He also said he'd have Bob Forte of "Lungsee" send me a copy of ON TOUR. I said that "Forte" sounded familiar and he said I was probably thinking of FORTE TRIVIA CARDS, which were put out by "Decipher"; because they kept mentioning they were to be used w. TRIVIAL PURSUIT. "S&R" made them stop the item. "Sports Games International" rcd. a letter from "S&R" complaining that they used the same colors as TRIVIAL PURSUIT - but no follow up.

Call from Gary Sherbell to check on what Rollie Tesh had to offer; told him I didn't know the details, but I thought that he might like to hear abt. it. He said that he was disappointed that SUE FOR A MILLION wasn't in the GAMES listing; but when he saw THE COUCH POTATO GAME there he was less disappointed abt. not being there; in a magazine article the inventors say that THE COUCH POTATO GAME is "a waste of time."

(cont. on 10/7)

9 Friday
October 1987

282/83

Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Dec. '87). Matthew Costello reviews THE SENTRY (Fireboard Inc.) & mentions their ELITE; "Thank you" letter from Olga Sokich (in misc. letters container).

Called Dave Greenwald. Told him of "Mensa" meeting on 10/18. Gave him Robin King's no., to use if he can make it. I asked, and his ad in yellow pages is under "Games & Names." He hasn't heard anything further from "Audoban Society" abt. doing a GAME for them.

Call fr. Minda Zetlin. She'll come here on 10/20 abt. 10A.M. to interview me for NEWS article. The pictures will come later.

Made a listing of the games I borrowed from Ronnie Corn: DRACULA & TRIPLANETARY (see 3/9/85); THE TFL NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING GAME (see 1/25/86); THE LAST STARFIGHTER: TUNNEL CHASE (see 12/20/86); DUB-L OR NUTH-N (see '84).

Called Robin King (to see if she had heard from [redacted] Dana). Nothing abt. games, spoke abt. "Mensa" meeting on 10/18; Debbie Glivar probably won't come; and she won't come to any meeting - if Bob Wittrock comes.

Saturday 10

October 1987

283/82

To the Corn's abt. 10:15. Brought the NO DICE (Decipher) copy of 5/19. To "Harvest Festival." Bought the following for a total of $4.50: MAD MARBLES (Lakeside) - dupl. but see '78 - '79 - & '83; DOMINATION (MB) - Dupl.; ALIEN GAME (Kenner) - dupl. - parts missing; QUICK QUIZ? (S & R) THE OFFICIAL BOSTON MARATHON GAME (Perl Products Co.) - dupl.; POLICE SURGEON (American Publishing Corp.) - dupl. - see '79; EXECUTIVE DECISION (3M) - dupl.; [illegible] FINANCE AND FORTUNE (P.) - dupl. - parts missing; string of large wooden "beads" - in 2 colors & lie flat. Later bought: RIP-OFF (House of Games/Waddingtons) (75¢) dupl.; HE-SHE-HIM-HER (Hoi Polloi, Inc.) - dupl.; FOUL PLAY AND OTHER PUZZLES OF ALL KINDS (Vintage Books) (25¢) - dupl. Returned the rules for CONCEAL (The Whitich Co.) that I borrowed on 5/4/85. At "Harvest Festival" Ronnie bought GO, DOTTO, RISK, CONFLICT; SHOPPING, and possibly one or 2 others; SHOPPING (John Ladell Co., Inc.) had 2 sets of rules & I borrowed one. Played TRO-GO w. Ronnie; he said it was much more profound than he thought at first; one problem was that the pcs. slid very easily. Jordan & his new girl friend Rorie there. Played 4-hand BANANA BLITZ w. me, Ronnie, Jordan, & Rorie - but BB pretty much told her what to do. After 5 hands the score was Ronnie - 40, Jordan - 25, Rorie - 32, me - 32. Jordan made a 6-pt. blitz & I made a 24 pt. blitz - but had some bad hands. They liked it. I asked Ronnie if he would like to give me one or more of the games I looked at yesterday as house presents; not unless they are dupls, told him I'd work on getting them back to him. Set next date on 11/7.

To Dale's. Brought her "Deluxe" GAMES - Oct./Nov. '87. For kids brought a deck of cards from home - Brian having asked for one; also brought a deck that I got today as part of the $4.50 package. Brought to Brian one of the CARDFORMERS (Rainbow Games) that I got on 2/10.

Brought the computer disc w. SCORE UP by Fred Buroghaf (see 5/6) to the Corn's. It is for "Apple II" which Ronnie doesn't have. Audrey feels that Ned Strongin is not involved in pushing Ronnie's games (his wife is quite sick). Ronnie asked if I could recommend someone else, if he has to find one; I suggested Larry Mass/ Seven Towns.

11 Sunday
October 1987

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost
White Sunday (Amer. Samoa)
284/81

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

Columbus Day (U.S.A.)
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

Monday 12
October 1987

285/80

When got back from Dale's,) Message from Debbie Glivar: Anne & Bob Abbott will sleep over from 10/17 to 10/18, so she can't come to the "Mensa" meeting. She'd like to be involved in setting the next date.
Message from Susan Black, asking me to call her abt. TRAX.

13 Tuesday

October 1987

286/79

Called "St. James the Less." Their sale is on 10/28 & 10/29.

called Susan Black at "U.S. Playing Cards." Spoke for a while then she had to go to a meeting & called me back later. They are preparing a mailing on TRAX and would like to include something by me. He quoted my saying - probably verbally to David Smith - that it was better than than PENTE, OTHELLO or REVERSI (3). Told her I'd work on something better. She'll call tomorrow.

Call from Felicia. She hears from Maria that Peter Riva is feeling better, but doctors still don't know what he has.

Called Kathy Jones. Told her that the new pcs. work fine for TRO-GO as far as the play is concerned. However the pcs. tend to slide on any kind of a smooth surface. She'll provide a roughened playing mat w. the game. Altho she doesn't intend to publish it in the immediate future, she'd like me to send the rules by the end of the month. I asked, and she can't find the rules for the original TROMINO GO. Spoke abt. using holes in the pcs. instead of marks.

Last Quarter
Battle of Hastings 1066
Dwight D. Eisenhower born 1890

Wednesday 14

October 1987

287/78

Rcd. ANALOG (Dec. '87). Matthew Costello writes abt. letter on his ALONE AGAINST THE DARK-a solitaire adventure for CALL OF CTHULHU. Another letter abt. PHOTON & LAZER TAG; his answer w. THE HALLEY PROJECT, BATTLETECH, INFILTRATOR, SUPREMACY, PORTAL.

From NEW YORK mag. clipped pc. on WALL STREET GAMES (Wall Street Games, Inc,).

Wrote the following plug for TRAX: "TRAX goes in new directions for a game of total strategy-away from the capturing in CHESS, the bracketing in REVERSI/OTHELLO and the surrounding in GO. Although the rules for forming the attractive tiles into winning paths are deceptively simple, the opportunities for growth in the game are as endless as in it's classic predecesors."

Call from Susan Black. Read the plug to her & she loved it. Suggested that she identify me as "a game inventor & a game historian"-fine w. her. I asked, and she said she'd send me a copy of the "trade release" she was preparing. "F.A.O. Schwarz" is interested in doing a promotion. Tom Braunlich is [redacted] rewriting the book of strategy for TRAX. I asked if she interested in follow-up games. She will be soon. She mentioned card games w. some of the yelling, such as in PIT; told her a little abt. PAYOFF. She said that she would extend a visit to N.Y.C. to come & see the collection-at the "U.S. Playing Cards" is tight w. money (they had a long printers strike). Thinking of another GAME w. cards for her, but couldn't remember which it was.

Made a layout for a rack for holding the TRI-GO tiles and made one; worked fine. Made a record of diff. size holes for the diff. pcs.

Played DOMINO HEARTS w. BB, using my BANANA BLITZ ideas and it played fine. One rule; if you start drawing you can't change your mind and [redacted] then use a wild card.

15 Thursday

October 1987

Shemini Atzereth
288/77

Looking at "Illustrations My Games" and immediately found the GAME• I was thinking abt. yesterday: WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?•

Made a 2nd TRO-GO• rack. Played w. BB, and they do help.

(Cont. from 10/17) [12/17]

(Conflict Game Co.), LECTRAMATIC FOOTBALL• (Lectramatic Games), KRYPTO• (Products of the Behavioral Sciences), PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT GAME• (Educational Products Inc. Division of Westinghouse Learning Corp.), EPAMINONDAS THE L GAME• (Just Games/Gremin Design), THREE PLAYER CHESS• (Carter Hall Inc.), ISOLA• (Ravensburger), TRIC TRAC• / BACKGAMMON• / SURAKARTA• (Ravensburger), CORONA• (Ravensburger), SNIEF• (F.X Schmid), TRICK X 5• (Parkerspiele), A JETAN VARIANT• (T. Andrew Mayernik), THERMOPYLAE• (Four Generations), [redacted] TURNABOUT• (Mag-Nif). (Not everything in box entered here; these I was sure I had often left off. Also didn't make any record as to which things were dup's.)

[started 12/17]

Friday 16 October 1987

Simhath Torah
289/76

Letter from Rick Loomis• addressed to "Dear Solo Dungeon." My latest adventure for TUNNELS & TROLLS• is coming, after a delay (??), It is called RED CIRCLE•

News release from Mark Herman• of "Victory Games:" 7TH FLEET• & NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET• available now. OPEN FIRE• coming soon. Called Mark and he'll send copies of NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET• to me & to Scott Marley•. He asked, and I found that 2ND FLEET• was the only of their games in the Oct./Nov. issue of GAMES•. He asked, and I'll either mail or bring a copy of the mag, to him. (Release filed in "A.H." folder.)

Called Scott Marley• to tell him abt. NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET• and suggesting that I might review it. He thinks it should be PERRY MASON GAME• (TSR) - he remembers it as being good when he saw a prototype at ORIGINS•. He'll let me know when it comes so I can pick it up. It will be for the March '87 issue (they are eliminating the Feb/Mar. designations). (Actually I had to call twice - he didn't return the first.)

Called Felicia• & told her that I had spoken to Phil Orbaugh• & that CAN'T STOP• was still in the running for '89.

Call from Gary Sherbell•. Not sure, but I think he told me that he said he was going along w. Rollie Tesh•.

Made up another deck of cards for BANANA BLITZ•.

In a TIME• (5/25) article on "Yuppies getting more ethics" it ends w. the following: "Another possible sign of change: hardly anyone seems interested anymore in the Parker Bros. board game called GO FOR IT! THE GAME WHERE YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL•. Last week one store in Manhattan slashed the price of that fantasy from $13.99 to $3."

Visit from Lynn & Herb Levy•. He looked at some of my new acquisitions, and also browsed thru the collection. He took the "Dodeca, Inc," dupl. of DODECA BASEBALL GAME• from 4/29/86 as payment for THE THIRD ESTATE• (Vinco Games) & GRAND TOTAL• (Current, Inc.) - & I owe him "a little." He is also interested in VOYAGE TO CIPANGU• (Cipangu Game Co.) - dupl. of 9/1 & one of my STAR REPORTER• (P.) dupls. Played BANANA BLITZ•; I won first game; at their request started a 2nd game which we didn't complete; BB was ahead when we stopped. Showed them TRO-60• & we played a little. Next date on 11/13. I asked if he knew what the latest issue of S&T• was; yes - #113, & my latest is #111.

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October 1987

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W. BB to garage sale in neighborhood - bought CHAIN LIGHTNING 600 (Hasbro ($1.00) - bought it mainly for the 600 small "dominos" & kept a few of the plastic pcs. that might be of some use sometime. At church in Larchmont bought KNOCK OUT (M.B.) ($1.00) - dupl.; SCRAMBLED EXITS (Holt Paperback) - (25¢) - book by Gyles Brandreth & David Farris.

To visit the Laurences, brought Phil 3 sci-fi mags. Phil & I played a few games of TRO-GO; Played O.K., but the pcs. slid around unle we were very careful. Annette gave me a clipping from INSIGHT mag abt. the game INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE. Annette said she was too tired to play BANANA BLITZ.

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SHISIMA & BACK UP THREE & many others; Ad sheets from "Hoyle" w SHANGHAI, ODD OR EVEN, TEMPO, INTERPLAY, CASTILLE, DOZO, PEG-GO FAIRWAY FEVER, TRANSFORMATION, TAKE A CHANCE, DECEPTION; Listin of "Renwal Products Co" games - w. TAM-BIT, TAKE FIVE, and many more; Ad sheet for THE MONEY GAME & TOUCH 'N GO (Cadaco); Catalog f "Louis Zocchi & Associates" w. listing of many games from many co Ad sheet (from who?) for PICKWICK; Ad sheets from "B. Shackman & Co w. THREE DIMENSIONAL DOMINOS & others; Ad sheets from "Barton a Bradshaw, Inc." w. AFRICAN SAFARI, MOTO-X RACE, RICH MAN POOR MAN GOLD RUSH, RENO, CARGO, ZODIAC CARD GAME, SPECULATE, CHESS MATES "H. P. Gibson & Sons Ltd" catalog ('72-3) - GO/WEI-CHI, MILLIONAIRE, AVIATI DOVER PATROL, L'ATTAQUE, TRI-TACTICS, JUTLAND, WORD MAKING AND TAR HALMA, IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, MUGGINS, BEETLE DRIVE, JUMBLEX, KAN-U BEETLE, SPEED, GOAL, WILD WEST, PLANES, WILD LIFE, CONTRABAND, DRIVE STOCKS AND SHARES, CHANNELX, PENALTY, SHOP, SUMIT, LEXICON, WHOT Ad sheet for "Edu-Cards" - STANDOFF, FOURTHOUGHT, CATCHPHRASE, TAKE WORDFORWORD; Ad sheet for FAST BREAK (Mickey Games); Ad sheet for "MPH ACROSS THE BOARD & MATCH-RACE-FEVER; Ad sheet for "mini-games" SPINWORD & TWORDY; Ad sheet for WARPLAN 5/5 (Games Innovations); Ad sheet for "Histo Games" w. EAGLE DAY, HANNIBAL, 1944; Catalog fr "Tabletop Sports Games" - TSG 1: PRO FOOTBALL, GOAL!, COLLEGE FOOTBALL, T.H.E. FOOTBALL GAME, EXTRA INNINGS, REAL/LIFE BASKETBALL, POWER PLA DATA BOXING, THEY'RE OFF!, MATCH POINT, KEGLER KINGS, AMERICA'S FINEST GOLF G "Gamart Games Manual" w. listing of many games from many cos. - f England. Misc. Math in plastic bag - #2: Booklet from "Institute for Diplo matic Studies" - on postal DIPLOMACY; Complete info for WARS OF THE ROSES a DIPLOMACY variant; Complete info for ROMAN BACKGAMMON; Rules & pict for RIGHT ON! THE CAMPUS WAR GAME - from ~~[illegible]~~ THE NATIONAL LAMPOO Article on "Wargames" from ARGOSY mag.; Article on "Business Games" fro INDUSTRY WEEK mag. - CAMSIM & others; Rules for - PHALANX (Whitman), PASS-O, LASKA (F.X. Schmid), SWORDS & SHIELDS (MB), SAFARI ROUND UP (Waddingtons), STEPPING STONES (M. Crispis), SEEJEN (Ovda); Artic on BACKGAMMON from PLAYBOY mag.; 3 "Cooperative Recreation Service booklets - ALL TIME GAMES, ANCIENT GAMES, COUNT AND CAPTURE; Booklet by Mehran Thomson on SCHOLASTIC ELEUSIS & THE GAME OF BLOCK; Ru for QUANTUM (LAZY DAYS), CONTACT (Ken Garland and Assoc.), THE BROTHERHO

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Feast of St. Luke
Alaska Day
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Sunday 18
October 1987

Without BB to "Mensa" meeting @ Robin King's. Claude came; then Abbe Bershatsky - without her father; then "David" - a new young fellow. Showed TRO-GO to Abbe & David, while Robin played LOA w. Claude; David played particularly well. Then the 3 of us started a game of PERQUACKEY. Robin wanted out from LOA and I played w. Claude while Robin joined the PERQUACKEY. Walked Claude to bus, and rejoined PERQUACKEY; Robin clobbered us. Played 5 hands of BANANA BLITZ, w. Abbe winning w. one blitz. Abbe & David liked it; Robin said she preferred HEARTS. Next meeting @ Abbe Bershatsky 717 Quentin Rd. Brooklyn, NY 11223 1-718-645-1268 on 11/14. David left & Robin, Abbe & I to a Chinese restaurant, Bvought GRASS (dupl. of 9/1) & the 2 ACQUIRE tiles she needed to Robin.

(cont. from 11/21) [12/17]

Went through the box from John Farewell (actually this was done some time in the future). Games in boxes or other packaging: MULTIPLAY (Max A. Peck); ARROWS (Leisure Learning); TRI-OMINOS (Pressman); TRIPPPLES (Benassi Enterprises/Aladdin) - also paper set w. 6 layouts; PEGGINO (Ravensburger); KWATRO (Loren Dunton Assoc.) - pad set by "Amoco Oil Co."; [redacted] MOONSTAR (A.H) - dice missing; THE MEDITATION GAME (Layman E. Allen). Books: WIN AT CHECKERS; CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKERS SIMPLIFIED; THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO CHECKERS; HOW TO BE A CONSISENT WINNER IN THE MOST POPULAR CARD GAMES; THE HAMLYN ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF CARD GAMES; KRUMME HUNDE, [redacted] O&X; NON-CHESS GAMES by W.H. Rawlings; LES JEUX DE DAMES NON ORTHODOXES, MY GAME FOR 2000 A.D. AND AFTER; 100 SQUARES FOR CHESS + DAMANTE. RUN 5: THE JOURNAL OF STRATEGIC STUDIES GROUP (Issue 6 - April, 1987). Misc. Mat'l. in plastic bag - #1: Rules for CHUNG-1 - "The game of CHINESE CHESS"; Ad folder for PLAY BALANCE, PLAY ECOLOGY, PLAY NUMERIC, PLAY CAVALRY (Scandecor); Complete info on 5-5 (Gabel Research); Rules for the 4 "Scandecor" games - 2 of each; "Hatching your idea for a game" pamphlet from "P."; Ad sheet for "Gameophiles - "YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING", FRUSTABLES II, CORNERED-BUT-UNDAUNTED, SYNTACTICS, POLICE STATE, COLORATION, FRONT PAGE, FRUSTABLES I, THE CONNECTION, EMOTE, THE GREAT CITY-LONDON, PENTAGON, FLIP AND FLOP; Catalog from "Four Generations" - TAU, GOMOKU, SIEGE (FRENCH SOLITAIRE), CLUSTER, IMPASSE, POLYGON by Piet Hein, JUNGLE, THERMOPYLAE, REVERSI; series of "Penny Puzzles"; Ad sheet from "Publishers Central Bureau" - NINE OF SWORDS & many others; Ad sheet for "Wff 'N Proof Learning Games Associates" - IN-QUEST, EURO-CARD, STRANGE BEDFELLOWS, PROBADDILITY, BASIS, A MAN CALLED MR. PRESIDENT; Ad sheets for ELECTION "THE GAME FOR PRESIDENT" (Educational Games Co.); Ad sheet for GI'AC MY (FanTac Games); Ad sheets from "T&M Enterprises, Inc." - CHATTANOOGA - THE CIVIL WAR GAME, AMERICAN CUP HANG GLIDING GAME, TRIAD, BIG LEAGUE FRANCHISE; Ad sheets for LAND OF ASGARD & WAR IN THE LAND OF THE BAN-SHEE (RS); Ad sheets from "Fact and Fantasy Games" for THE GREEN PLANET TRILOGY - WAR OF THE SKY GALLEONS, MIND WAR!, & WARRIORS OF THE GREEN PLANET - also BATTLE OF HELM'S DEEP, SIEGE!, SIEGE OF MINAS TIRITH; Catalog from "World Wide Games" w.

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October 1987

Hurricane Thanksgiving Day (V.I.)
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Fran "Hugendubel" rcd. royalty report for SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE - in the hole by another 25 returns.

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. BB found the following. THE BOOK OF SOLO GAMES by Gyles Brandreth. One of the world's leading authorities on games and puzzles presents more than 300 simple but intriguing games for a single player. Incl. card and board, dominoes, calculator, tangrams, pencil, dice, coins, children's, more. Softbound - $5.95. (Don't have it, but didn't order.)

Drew up a mat for playing TRO-GO;

Call from Debbie Glivar; Asked abt. "Mensa" meeting yesterday. Told her abt. date next month &, since it is a Sat. she doubts if she can make it. We set Sun. 12/13 as a tentative date at her apt. (see 9/22).

Called Richard Byrne (see 9/14). TRI CHEK is not ready yet, but he'll send me advance copy of the rules. He said he is looking for another 3 games to add to his line, and he prefers them to be plastic and with diff. ways of playing. Told him abt. BLOCKADE/VIE/SLY and he said he'd like to see it. Told him that DOMINATION is most likely available, but that there is a chance that another co. might want it. He asked me abt. reps, but I wasn't able to recommend anyone other than "John Hansen" who (I think) I told him abt. last time. He is leaving "Marino" because the way they work limits his ability to get factoring money (??). Told him that the Dr. Ferdinand Maack repros are rather massive. He doesn't know if his father can handle the translation since he teaches in a college. (Since I felt that Byrne doesn't quite know where he is heading, I think I'll wait a little before sending him BLOCKADE.)

Tuesday 20
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Rcd. ad sheet from "A.H." for GLORANTHAN BESTIARY - a book for use w. RUNEQUEST.

Rcd. "UPS" package w. SEMPER FI (Big Ben Games) - invoice by Stephen Yennaco.

Minda Zetlin here for a few hours, including lunch (actually a full meal). Looked at a few games around that interested her, such as GAME & WOMEN'S LIB? (Urban Systems), to mention a few. Mainly she'll use the info from "Guru." I asked, and the NEWS doesn't allow the article to be shown. She may read me what she writes before handing it in. She will bring out that individual items are not of great value, and that the collection needs a home. The NEWS will contact me abt. sending a photographer. I asked when it will run and she has no idea; it may even be killed, altho she'll be paid. Her mailman is interested in getting a copy of OIL POWER (Autocom, Inc.) and I gave her the address w. the game.

Call from Felicia. We did speak abt. Peter Riva, but don't remember the specific reason for her call.

Inked the mat for TRO-GO. Played some games w. BB and it is much better w. the mat. Played by myself and deliberately tried to work to the edge. Decided that the edge did not help to surround; actually any pc. or pcs. that can have a free path of Δs to an edge are not surrounded. A situation developed where a player couldn't move a pc. of the proper no. without separating the field - I'll score that as 4 for the other player. It is possible - but not very probable - for a player not to be able to place a pc. in the initial period - I'll count that as 2 pts. for the other player.

Call from Sophia at "Decipher," Warren Holland thought that I had some preference btw. SACKSON SQUARES & SACKSON'S SQUARES - they are working on the box cover. Told her that the former sounded more euphonious, but that either is fine w. me. Reminded her that I couldn't sign the contract in its present form. She'll have Warren call me abt. it when he gets back from a trip.

Call from Bryan Kanefield who saw the "Guru" article (didn't ask him how he got my no.). He has invented 2 GAME's - one a sports game, the other A.E.A. He asked abt. either having a game co. do them or doing them himself; gave him my usual info. He didn't suggest my looking at them & I didn't ask.

21 Wednesday

October 1987

Cut the TRO-GO• board (and should have cut it on a line!!). Played some games by myself.

Call from Rollie_Tesh•. He has been checking on the games in the list I ~~[illegible]~~ dictated to him: CAMPAIGN• (Family Affair Game Co.) CHEKIT• (Chekit, Inc.), SUE FOR A MILLION• (Laurad Games, Inc.) ave (in); OIL POWER• (Antfamco, Inc.) - didn't receive model; STAK ATTACK• (R 3rd Corp.) - no inventor (?). He is including DESTINATION• which is brand new - invented by Garland Erickson• of "Gammick & Assoc." and he mentiond PENTAKRIBB•, PENTAKRIBB WITH TUFACE•, ANNEX• & MELE as being together (??). He is not including ON TOUR•, but will try to have a copy sent to me; he is sending SHAFT• & KEY-CUE•. He will include (I am pretty sure) QUADS• (Quads, Inc.) and will have one sent to me (later found I have a copy). He is thinking of including GRAND SLAM BASEBALL•, if Joli Kansil• will permit it. They ave discussing a possible deal w. USA TODAY• to do ~~[illegible]~~ GAMES based o current events. He asked if he could put my name on the proposal - of course. He'd like to include Joli Kansil•, but he is out on quoth adventure; Tom Braunlich• will be included; he will call Garrett Donne He mentioned talking to the inventor of PRESIDENTIAL SCRAMBLE•, but I didn't get the details.

Thru PLAYTHINGS• rcd. info on BLARNEY• (Entertainment Production House,

Call from Robin King• - not feeling well. Called her back later & she wa better. Told her abt call from Debbie Glivar• (see 10/19) - she said to have Debbie call her.

In talk w. Rollie_Tesh• told him that DOMINO HEARTS• works well w my BANANA BLITZ• rules, Rollie• suggested eliminating the wild cards for children - I'll try it. He said that they won't ex pect my rules until they send me the advance money; I sa I'd start when the contract is signed.

Rcd. "UPS" package from "Western Publishing" w. OUT OF CONTEXT• OUTBURST•, & covering letter from George Propson• - he'd like to s my collection during TOY FAIR•; mentioned the one who wants WHY & Scott Marley• getting games sent to him.

Thursday 22

New Moon

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October 1987

From Edith Slotkin rcd. a clipping (Knight-Ridder News Service) abt. PICTIONARY & Rob Angel.

Call from Nick Baker (while we were at bank). Called & left message. He called & changed date here from 10/27 to 10/26. He said it might last from 10 AM. to 5 P.M. He sent regards from David Pritchard; he has a tape w. David which he'll play if we have some time.

Call from Rollie Tesh to discuss how I will described in the proposal to USA TODAY. He checked and Gary Donner will go along. He wondered abt. Wayne Schmittberger, not realizing that he was a game inventor (but how abt. INSURE? - see 10/8) - told him abt. INSURE & THE ORIENT EXPRESS MYSTERY DETECTIVE GAME, and that Wayne has worked on others. He asked abt. other inventors - told him abt. Charlie Phillips - but both agreed that he wouldn't be interested. Asked him abt. PRESIDENTIAL SCRAMBLE; it covers the various candidates of both parties, and the publisher only figures it will be around for abt. 8 months; I suggested him sending me and Scott Marley review copies, or 2 to me to bring one to Scott. Rollie will probably put Jolikansil down on the proposal without checking w. him; Joli mentioned that he'd love to work on a game w. me. In connection w. GRAND SLAM BASEBALL, it will be included in their listing - Joli made it a part of the deal to allow them to do his BRIDGETTE.

Call from Felicia. John Johnson has decided to get out of games completely. Chris Campbell liked one of John's games, which he called FICKLE FINGERS (what did John call it?). Chris said it wasn't what "P." wanted now, but it should be saleable, especially if some changes are made. John suggested that maybe I could make the changes. He will bring her the model this Sat., and will sign a letter relinquishing all rights to it. Felicia will give me a call abt. arranging for me to come & pick it up.

23 Friday

October 1987

296/69

W. BB to church sale in Irvington. Bought the following for 25¢ each: DUPLICATE CROSSWORD GAME• (S.&R.) - dupl.; EXPOSURE• (Skye Marketing Co) rules & 2 balls missing - not sure if I have a prior copy, but "Orda's" TAKE BALL TAKE ALL• is the same game; CHECKLINE• (Crestline Manufacturing Co.) - some chips missing; SHOWDOWN POKER• (E.S. Lowe Co.) - dupl. - no box (put all except the dice cup into a ziplock bag; RISK• (P.) - dupl. - kept pcs., cards, & rules in a ziplock bag; CREATE-A-CLOWN• (Ravensburger) - some parts missing, but still playable by up to 3 players (for Brian). Spoke to the dealer who I meet often; he had a copy of WHY• (MB) and I told him someone might be interested in it; his name is Mike Romano• & he lives in Eastchester - look him up. Looked at AMERICAN HERITAGE• mags, & on back cover of 12/71 issue found picture of board for the "P" game QUEEN OF THE MOVIES• - 1921 (didn't buy).

Call from Mike Gray•, to stay in touch. I apologized for not sending him the repro of the rules for TYCOON• (P.) and the pc. from 1863• (P.) - but told him I would next wk. Also apologized for not looking at his SHOGUN• (MB) yet. He suggested that I submit things to "MB" but then sadly admitted that the one in charge is mainly interested in something like HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS•.

Rcd. GAMA NEWS• (Oct. '87). Nothing of particular interest to me, but kept it (in '87 Misc. folder).

Rcd. some submittion forms from "P." to be filled out and returned. Covering letter by Christopher Campbell•.

Called Rich Hanson• @ "Discovery Toys." Asked abt. my games there. He said that they were returning PUSHOVER•, but are still considering --MAKES ONE•, TOTALLY• & DOMINATION•. But later he asked if they could hold on to PUSHOVER• a while longer - of course. Asked if they would be sending me further assignments, like BAYARD• - in a mail order. ($2.65.)

Saturday 24 October 1987

United Nations Day
297/68

W. BB to "Christ Church" in Pelham. Bought the following for $2.75: FORTUNE 500 (Pressman) - Dupl. - parts not checked; ALL ABOUT TOWN (New Rochelle, NY) - dupl. - parts not checked; Bag of marbles; EXECUTIVE TIC-TAC-TOE (Crestline) - plastic layers broken & discarded them - placed colored balls in bag of marbles - placed together w. CHECKLINE of yesterday; BOGGLE (P.) - dupl.; GRAPPLE (P.) - dupl. - rules & other parts missing; BUNCO (Home Game Co.) - dupl.; A "toy theatre" for Brian. Bought ROGET'S THESAURUS OF ENGLISH WORDS AND PHRASES (Grosset & Dunlap - 1935 revision) (10¢). Also bought 3 humor books for Claude? Met Mike Romano again & took his name, address, etc. He is much more into toys than games, but I can give into on him to those looking for games. He just sent some games to a collector who saves only home versions of TV games; the most valuable was CAR 54 WHERE ARE YOU?; told him I had it - but without a box.

Mike Romano
9 Club Way
Eastchester
(914) 337-0188

Rcd. QUINT-GRAM (#12 Fall '87) from Kathy Jones. Has rules for a game - HOLES IN THE WALL - by "Jason & Manuel Garcia." Note from Kathy abt. increasing no. of pcs. in TRO-GO to 36, for an attractive packaging idea.

Message from Anne & called there. Claude had another small stroke last night. After Ray took them to a hospital call from Anne; Claude back home and would appreciate company. (She mentioned having to have a walker for him; I brought the one we had.) There for supper & we brought salad. Gave Claude the 3 books I bought today. At Anne's suggestion played BANANA BLITZ & Anne won. Shared them TRO-GO but only played 2 or 3 short games. In BANANA BLITZ had quiet a few blitzes.

Noticed that I had 2 copies of CONCEAL (The Whitkin Co.) each marked "Rcd. 5/4/85 - Dupl. - Rules Missing." I probably borrowed the entire game, not just the rules that I returned on 10/10.

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Rcd. the 3 SUPREMACY expansion sets: THE FIELD MARSHALL'S HANDBOOK, RESOURCE DECK TWO, WARLORDS AND PIRATES OF THE NEUTRAL ZONES, from Canada. In catalog a new game ROLLOUT is listed - due in Nov. '87.

Rcd. "UPS" package w. A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET: THE GAME (Victory Games).

Called Scott Marley to talk abt. the abv. game. Not in, and spoke to Mike Shenk. Think I asked to have Scott call me. (Not sure abt. this call.)

25 Sunday
October 1987

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Daylight Saving Time Ends
298/67

Tried to call Ronnie Levin abt. CONCEAL, but no answer,

called Debbie Glivar & told her to call Robin King abt. the "Mensa" meeting at her house,

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(Cont. from 10/27) [12/31]

[BB had the rule that a joker, when placed in a meld w. 2 of the same no., was given a color. I changed this to allow replacement by either of the 2 missing colors.) When a player plays last tile, he collects the value of all remaining opponent's tiles. There is also a bonus for going out which BB didn't remember; also how much a remaining joker counts.

Played w. the "Cribbage" TILE RUMMY set. It was hard to tell the black & blue tiles apart. Put black dots on all the black tiles.

Call from Marvin Silbermintz. Spoke abt. bad times for gobs w. game co. He thinks he may have a chance w. "MB." He is the one who did the game play for THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME, and is disappointed at how poorly it sold; probably people thought it was a gag playable only once, he theorized. He mentioned that "P's" PIZZA PARTY didn't play badly (because of 4 to 8 yr. designation I didn't ask for it from "P.")

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

10/24 **Monday 26**

October 1987

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Rcd. GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT (Fall '87). Reviews: SCORCHED EARTH (GDW); FIRE TEAM (West End Games); ONSLAUGHT: D-DAY TO THE RHINE (TSR); TALES OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS (West End Games); BRITANNIA (A.H.); 1830 (A.H.); ROGUE TROOPER (Games Workshop); MAZE (Chris Kalivas); ILLUMINATI (Steve Jackson Games)-w. mention of Expansion Sets I, II, & III; WHAT2IT? (MB); DOMINEW (New Line USA Inc.); WARLORDS: CHINA IN DISARRAY, 1916-1950 (Panther Games). "Information Center"; New computer games from "Electronic Arts"-221B BAKER STREET (Datasoft), ROAD TO MOSCOW (GDW), ALTERNATE REALITY: THE DUNGEON (Datasoft), EAST, 1941-1945 BATTLES IN NORMANDY, JUNE-JULY 1944 & RUSSIA: THE GREAT WAR IN THE EAST (Strategic Studies Group); "Simulations Canada" computer games-MOSCOW CAMPAIGN & WHITE STORM; "Ident-A-Kit: 1" an aid to MERCENARIES, SPIES & PRIVATE EYES (Sleuth Publications, Ltd.); A new magazine-COUNTERATTACK-w. a complete game in each issue; "Tonka" takeover of "Kenner Parker"; Free offer on IT'S A CRIME! (Adventure by Mail); Rebate offer on POWER! THE GAME (Power Games USA, Inc.); short reviews of U.S.A. TRIVIA (Boynton Games), DIVORCE COPE (Theraplay, Inc.), THE WINE CONNOISSEUR (BDJ Enterprises, Inc.", & from "Aristoplay, Ltd.- ARTDECK, WHERE IN THE WORLD?; MUSIC MAESTRO, BY JOVE, MAIL TO THE CHIEF.

Nick Baker here for lunch & for most of the day-taping most of the time. He promised to send me a tape of the final program. David Pritchard will be on it, when I mentioned Derek Carver & Eamon Bloomfield he didn't know anything abt. them. He questioned me abt. MONOPOLY. He had a book-WINNING MONOPOLY by Kaz Darzinskis which I said that I'd have to get; he gave me the copy, saying that "BBC" would pay for another. Actually he is a free lance rather than a BBC employee, but he got them to pay for his trip here. He'd like to interview Alfred Butts; but Butts-who is 90-was injured while driving his car & Nick is not sure if he'll be able to see Butts, to talk abt. SCRABBLE. I told him abt. ALFREDS OTHER GAME. Took his card. (Later looked quickly thru WINNING MONOPOLY and, among other things, were mentions of Mrs. Lee Dennis / THE GAME PRESERVE; THE MONOPOLIST game of 1885, Elizabeth Magie Phillips, FINANCE, Charles Darrow.)

Call from Stephen Yennaco. Told him I rcd. SEMPER FI & that it looks great.

Call from Odette Russell, who works for Dan Ferrone. He is anxious to get a copy of BREAK THE BANK. Told her I'd have to check-to call me tomorrow. In evening checked and I didn't have anything on it at all. Called Herb Levy and he has a dupl. he can sell; the co. was "Betty-B." I asked if he bought anything interesting lately-THE ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK from '68.

Call from Rollie Tesh. In connection w. the proposal to USA TODAY he asked if I knew some of the BRIDGE experts Joli Kansil included in his resumé. He mentioned BRIDGE WORLD mag. & I suggested that he call them.

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27 Tuesday
October 1987

Theodore Roosevelt born 1858
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Call from Hans Van Maanen. He will be in N.Y.C. early in Dec. & would like to visit me. Of course. He'll call to make arrangements when he gets here.

Call from Dr. Thomas Parell (215-387-0388), who got my no. from Martin Gardner. He spoke abt. PENROSE TILES, said he'd send me a repro of an article on them - but can't remember his purpose in talking to me. The one he is working under at "University of Penn." is George Favnbach (215-898-7293).

Rcd. Nov. '87 issue of GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY. "Jan France" reviews TALES OF ADVENTURE (Scholastic), THE BLACK CAULDRON (Walt Disney Educational Media), AMAZON (Telarium), ALICE IN WONDERLAND (Windham Classics), BELOW THE ROOT (Windham Classics), THE TRACER SANCTION (Activision), THE HOBBIT (Adison-Wesley).

In basement discovered that the box above BODY BOGGLE (P) got stuck to it, damaging the top of the box. (I can probably replace it at GAMES - they have a lot of them.)

(Cont. from 12/31) [12/31]

Picked out the following mags. to trade w. Jack Gurney:
GAMES - 11/12-79, 9/10-80, 11/12-80, 1/2-81, 3/4-81;
G & P - 46, 47, 58, 60.

Rcd. letter from Karen Young - turning over matter of CALCULATE, BEYOND TIC TAC TOE, BEYOND WORDS, & BEYOND SOLITAIRE to "Pantheon" - juvenile. (Pat Marcus - see 12/29). w. "Hugendubel"

Rcd. catalog for "Go Fly a Kite," (Why? - PL on address tag may mean PLAYTHINGS, but I never asked for it.) (Discarded.)

Jack Gurney here w. PRO BASKETBALL (Research Games, Inc.) - Marker & die missing. This is much more elementary than PRO BASKETBALL STRATEGY that I got in '82 - also by "RGI." Gave him the 9 mags - plus the previous one - anyway. He was interested in info on which old GAMES are valuable. Gave him Bill Alexander's address & no. & showed him some of the AGCA mat'l.

In evening played a couple of games of MAZE w. BB; BB not thrilled but did like it better by the end. At her request played 2 hands of a RUMMIKUB variation played by some of her friends. Each player starts w. 14 tiles. On a turn a player draws a face-down tile; no discards. Instead of drawing a player may meld. To "go down" must meld complete melds equalling 50 or more pts. - each tile counting as its number. Melds are placed in the center, and can be added to by any player who is "down." Melds can be rearranged in any manner, as long as each is correct and at least one card is from the player's hand. Jokers can be used as any tile. One can be removed by a player replacing it w. the proper tile from his hand, and using the joker on the table as part of the same turn.

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St. Simon & St. Jude

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W. BW & Annette Laurence to "St. James the Less." Bought the following for $4.00 - all dupls. except (I believe) for the first one: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (BASIC SET) (TSR) - also an 1981 catalog; DOMAIN (FR), SHOPPING CENTER (Ravensburger), REVOLT ON ANTARES (TSR), TOSS WORDS (Krueg Games) - dupl. - 1 die missing.

Rcd. PLAYTHINGS (Oct.), Clipped the following. Pc. on PICTIONARY going international. Pc. on "Tonka" offer to take over "Kenner Parker." Ad for AUTHORS (U.S. Game Systems). Editorial on "U.S. toy market looks good - by comparison." Ad by "TSR" for CHEERS, PERRY MASON GAME, CHASE. Ad by "Sterling Games" for ANNEX, PENTAKRIBB WITH TUFACE, PENTAKRIBB. "New Products": ANCHOVY! (Joy House Enterprises) - sent card; RAYS OF LIGHT (Orda) - sent card; CORRUPTION (J.W. Small); 1-2-3 RED LIGHT (Ungame) - children's. "News"; THE CHIVAS REGAL GAME OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP - sent card; WHATZIT (MB) party; ACTIONMAX (Worlds of Wonder) - w. SONIC FURY, HYDROSUB: 2021, 38 AMBUSH ALLEY, RESCUE OF POPS GHOSTLY - sent card.

At "St. James" met Mike Romano again and we spoke awhile. He is interested in trading for my "Erector Set." Gave him my telephone number and he'll call in abt. 2 wks. abt. getting together. Also bought 7 jigsaw puzzles for Stephie ($1.50).

Found calls from Odette Russell & from Dan Ferrone, abt. BREAK THE BANK. Called Odette @ ((212-929-6600)) & gave her Herb Levy's telephone no. Told her that I expected a call from her yesterday. Asked for Dan Ferrone, not in, and I said I'd like to hear from him.

Found call from Carol Kamel ((212-490-6354)). Lee Gelber suggested that she call me. She has a game called STRICTLY PERSONAL that she published herself in the U.S. in Europe it was done by Piatnik / Apex / Brio in Europe. Called and she'd like a chance for a review in GAMES. Suggested that she send a copy to me & to Scott Marley, but she said she'd prefer to just send one for my opinion first. She mentioned that Angelo Longo had been possibly interested in having "S&R" do it - before the takeover by "Coleco."

Call from Rollie Tesh for more talk on the USA TODAY proposal. In discussing finances I suggested that the one actually designing the game get 60% of the payment for the invention - the other 40% going into a pool to be divided btw. all the inventors.

Call from Anne Soucie abt. Claude in the hospital.

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October 1987

First Quarter
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Rcd. large package from "Hexagames". 10 copies of DIE 1, MILLION - w. my name in German, English, & French, LINES OF ACTION/LOA - by Claude Soucie - in 3 languages. SCHACH PLUS - German only, but English rules sent separately - put these in box. MZER STICH (zwölft) - 3 languages. GO JU - 3 languages. DA IST DOCH DER URM 'DRIN - German & Dutch. CONQUEST - 3 languages. INDIANA JONES UND DER TEMPEL DES TODES - German only; INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM (LJN Toys Ltd.). BLOCKADE - 6 copies of new edition. English rules for ABILENE, FLUKTUS, GIMEL, SETI, UISGE. Catalog sheets w. POLDI'S TENNIS, TOP 20, ABILENE, CONQUEST, LONG SHORT, GO JU, CROSSADO, SO EIN KAMEL, UISGE, RODEO, DA IST DOCH DER URM 'DRIN, INDIANA JONES UND DER TEMPEL DES TODES, FUCHS UND GANS, EPAMINONDAS, UISGE, POLDI'S FUSSBALL, SCHACH PLUS; Repros of 2 pages from SPIEL ZEUG-MARKT w. 12ER STICH, DIE 1, MILLION, CONQUEST, I CHING, BRAVO - STAR-QUIZ.

Rcd. ANALOG (Mid-Dec, '87). Matthew Costello writes on "game novels"; CROSSROADS series (TOR Books) w. REVOLT ON MAJIPOOR & LORD VALENTINE'S CASTLE, COMBAT COMMAND series (Ace Books) w. CUT BY EMERALD. Ad for ILLUMINATI Deluxe Edition (Steve Jackson Games); IT'S A CRIME! (Adventures by Mail, Inc.) a free copy (of the rules?) offered; STAR TRADERS (Steve Jackson Games) - w. added plug.

Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Ad for THE TAROT by R. Cavendish. Over 250 B&W Illus, more than 65 Full Color Plates. The definite reference to the Tarot, investigating all aspects from history to use. Examines changes in cards over the centuries and how they reflect shifts in social and political issues. Instructs in the laying out and reading of the cards, the most fascinating aspect of all! 8¼ x 11. Only $7.98/Pub. at $19.95. SEXUAL TRIVIA: A GAME TO TEST YOUR SEXUAL AWARENESS! An exciting change from traditional trivia board games. More than 1,440 lively questions test your knowledge of sexual facts in four separate categories. Every time you answer a question correctly receive 10 orgasm points. The first player to accumulate 100 orgasms wins the game. But, be warned, a wrong answer could cost you 20. A real "eye-opening" game that's a whole lot of fun and - hopefully - educational! For 2-4 players. Only $14.95.

Call from Richard Goshorn, the inventor/publisher of PRESIDENTIAL SCRAMBLE. He is visiting in N.Y.C. (212-873-4563) & would like to give me a copy. Arranged for him to come to - morrow abt. 2 to 2:30 P.M.

Called Anne abt. Claude.

Have note abt. call from Annette Laurence but can't remember what abt. Probably something she saw abt. a GAME in the paper?

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Rcd. STRICTLY PERSONAL (The City Muse, Inc.), w. some ad mat'l. & a covering letter from Carol Kamel.

Visit from Richard Goshorn, bringing me a copy of his game PRESIDENTIAL SCRAMBLE. ~~[illegible]~~ TEA & talked abt. politics - but we didn't play - "after all someone buying the game does not get to play w. the inventor." Drove him to White Plains Sta.
Call from Rollie Tesh while Goshorn was here. They spoke awhile & then Rollie & I discussed USA TODAY proposal some more.

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In TIME mag. of 7/27 found & clipped "Games that Grownups Play" w. short descriptions of BALANCE OF POWER (Mindscape), STARFLIGHT (Electronic Arts), LEATHER GODDESSES OF PHOBOS (Infocom), MEAN 18 (Accolade), CHESSMASTER (Toolworks), FLIGHT SIMULATOR.

Rcd. "Seasonal Sentiment" puzzle from Sandra Silbermintz
1650 Ocean Parkway (Apt. 5F)
Brooklyn, NY 11223
(718) 645-8065
(Placed in "misc. letters" folder.)

Rcd. ad for 2 seminars from "Pennfair Communications, Inc." - the publishers of THE MERCHANDISING REPORTER. (In '87 misc.)

Found the board for TOP SECRET, which I got from Phil Orbanes in '72. Later he wanted to see it, but I couldn't find it. (It is on shelf 31.)

Called Jack Gurner. He'll trade his PRO BASKETBALL STRATEGY for old GAMES, and when I mentioned G&P he said he'd like them too. He'll come here tomorrow, calling before.

Called Sandra Silbermintz. She lost her job @ "Globe Publications" when they decided not to go ahead w. the crossword puzzle mag. she was developing. She has been doing some free-lance work, but it is hard to come by. She & Marvin Silbermintz worked up a book by Ernö Rubik on his RUBIK'S MAGIC, that was translated from Hungarian by someone else. When it was finished the publisher decided it was too technical and didn't publish it - but there were paid. I mentioned trying to call Marvin (see 12/20) - she has been talking to him. She rcd. an invite to TOY FAIR and is going, altho she doesn't know quite why. We'll arrange to get together there.
Called Marvin Silbermintz - out shopping & spoke to Naomi for abt. 20 minutes. He does free-lance, including a series of children's card GAMES to be sold in supermarkets, but it is rough. He would have a good job if "Jay Leno" ever takes over the "Tonight Show." I mentioned his once considering going to "Mattel"; they had a 30% lay-off, including Bruce Whitehill!!

Earlier call from Herb Levy. Daniel may have chicken pox, so postponed tonight's date till 1/15/88. I asked if I could tell John Farewell abt. Herb's GAMERS ALLIANCE; sure, but he knows it already.

31 Saturday
October 1987

Halloween
Reformation Day
Nevada Day

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Rcd. letter from Marta Bela of "Hermann Blume" asking for copies of AGOG & BEYOND COMPETITION - for 90-day option.

Read rules for PRESIDENTIAL SCRAMBLE (Global Politics). Altho I pretty much figured it out, the rules were very hard to follow. Called the no. Richard Goshorn gave me & left a message. Told him abt. my findings. He has someone working on editing the rules & will send me a copy when it is ready. (This was when he called me back.)

Call from Raymond Soucie. He - or was it Anne Soucie - rcd. package from "Hexagames" w. 12 copies of LINES OF ACTION / LOA. We spoke abt. writing to Jürgen Hagedorn abt. contracts & advances, but nothing definite.

Visit from Laurence's. Phil & I played a few games of TRO-6.0. Annette "too tired" to play anything.

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Call from Eric Goldberg. Because of snow changed date to 1/5/88.

From "Pantheon" rcd. signed copy of contract change in AGOG.

Letter from John Farewell. Has sent me another package. He'd like: English rules for SEACHLACHT; 2 or 3 "monads" from MONAD; info on advertising in CHESS WORLD; info on more new games - a source for this; info on inventors of "3M" games - he knows ACQUIRE, SLEUTH, BAZAAR, VENTURE, MONAD, WIN, PLACE & SHOW. He has "moved" the S.K. Hoaks collection out of the garage. 2 pages on "FAIRY CHESS" Literature collection": AN ALBUM OF FAIRY CHESS ed. by A.S.M. Dickens; ALICE IN FAIRYLAND by Dickens; CAISSA'S FAIRY TALES by T.R. Dawson; A CATALOG OF FAIRY CHESS by Dickens; LES JEUX D'ECHECS NON ORTHODOXES par Joseph Boyer; A SHORT HISTORY OF FAIRY CHESS by Dickens; and others. 1 page w. "General CHESS book collection": CHESS IN ICELAND; A HISTORY OF CHESS by "Jerzy Gizycki"; A HISTORY OF CHESS by "H.J.R. Murray"; and others. 1 page of DIPLOMACY mags.

Called "Decipher." Warren Holland not available; Sophia Rocha no longer working there. Spoke to "Lee." Asked, and SACKSON SQUARES is held up because they are concentrating on "California Raisins"; they "hope" to have it ready for TOY FAIR. I asked abt. my models of FOREIGN INTRIGUE & HIGH SPIRITS (see 8/12) and she said she'd check. I asked to have Warren call me when he gets a chance.

Call from Pat Marcus - in charge of foreign rights for "Pantheon-juvenile" She just rcd. a note from Karen Young abt. BEYOND TIC TAC TOE etc. w. "Hugendubel." Spoke abt. it & I mentioned hearing a rumor that an Italian intermediary is not above suspicion. She said that they are her "agent" for Italy & Germany, and she hopes they are O.K. She said she'd look into it & get back to me. Told her that I was in no hurry,

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All Saints' Day
Liberty Day (V.I.)
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Sunday 1
November 1987

Called Ronnie Corn. I asked, and he wasn't able to find his copy of CONCEAL - told him I had it. In his vacation in Florida he didn't see anything interesting in games.

To visit the Saperstein's. No games.

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Rcd. card from Sue & Eamon Bloomfield - no message.
Rcd. card from Joe Nikisch - no message.
Rcd. card from Olga Sokits & sent one to her.
Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (Jan. '88). Article by Marco Meirovitz/ MASTERMIND - w. game, SECRET COMPUTER CHARACTERS. Ruth Roufberg reviews: FIRST TO FIVE (Tedco); OPTICAL CONCLUSIONS (International Games) RAYS OF LIGHT (Onda); INSTANT REPLAY (P).

Letter to Joe Nikisch - w. repros of mat'l. on bounced check that I rcd. on 12/17. Mentioned SOLITAIRE DICE/ SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE, CARD STOCK MARKET/ KARTENSPIELE DER WELT; Jürgen Hagedorn & getting permission from "Hugendubel." Asked for letter on other of my card GAMES they'd like.

Called Scott Marley to ask for address for THE WALL STREET GAME; not there all wk. No one else from editorial there.

Call from Eric Goldberg to confirm date tomorrow. Bad weather predicted. We'll check tomorrow morning.

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but she said that I am certainly entitled to know. Her tel. # - { Pat Marcus 572-2480

Read the rules for TREASURES OF THE MYSTIC PLANE.
Because of bad weather, called Herb Levy and changed our date to tomorrow night. He rcd. THE STAR WARS SOURCEBOOK (West End) and said it was excellent.
Rcd. THE STAR WARS SOURCEBOOK thru "Fed Express,"

Put the names of the Cos. on the "Stock Certificates" from THE WALL STREET GAME - 4 sets.

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2 Monday

November 1987

All Souls' Day

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Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Mid-Dec. '87). Matthew Costello writes on RPG's: FAERIE MOUND OF DRAGONKIND, CITY OF THE GODS, & THE GRAND DUCHY OF KARAMEIKOS (TSR); GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND (Games Workshop); SCARED STIFFS (West End Games); GOING HOME (GDW); SON OF TOON (Steve Jackson Games); ULTIMA (Origin Systems, Inc.); WIZARDRY (SirTech); LEGACY OF THE ANCIENTS (Electronic Arts); ADVANCED D&D (Strategic Simulations Inc.).

Call from Wayne Schmittberger. Christiaan Freeling is doing a book of his own games, and would also like to include my FOCUS & Bob Abbott's EPAMINONDAS - to show how some of his games developed from them. CROSSFIRE uses a hex. board & the height of the piles is limited to the no. of hexes next to the space - this necessitates a rule to stop a constantly repeating situation w. an even no. His BUSHKA is a combination of EPAMINONDAS & [redacted] FANORONA; PHALANX is combination of EPAMINONDAS & David Wells' GUERILLA. Told Wayne that I approved of his using FOCUS & that I'd want a copy of the book. Actually Freeling will publish it by himself using his computer. Also it will be in English - and possibly in Dutch as well. Also told Wayne that if Freeling writes to me I will answer; he'll send Freeling my address. He has some late mat'l. from Freeling which he'll repro for me.
I asked for Scott Mayley - not in. There is one copy of PERRY MASON GAME there. Remembered that I had given Hans Van Maanen permission to use FOCUS (see 7/7). Called Wayne S. to tell him. He was told by Bob Abbott that EPAMINONDAS was promised to Van Maanen. Wayne will inform Freeling - probably the books won't conflict w. each other. Scott M. was in and there is a copy of PERRY MASON GAME for me. He offered to send it, but I said I'd come in tomorrow. I asked and there are plenty of copies of BODY BOGGLE there - to replace the one I have w. damaged box.

Call from Felicia. She asked if I heard from Bill Riva. He called her from Kennedy & said that he'd try to call me - which he didn't. Peter Riva had a relapse & is quite sick. I asked abt. John Johnson & his game FICKLE FINGERS; he visited her Sat. for brunch. After speaking to her lawyer, she told him that she couldn't accept his offer to give the game to her. He stormed out of her apt. and threw the model down the incinerator. Spoke w. her abt. she & Doris coming here for a meal, and picked 11/17, if it is O.K. w. Doris.
Call from Felicia. 11/17 is O.K., but Doris has to be home in the evening. We'll eat at 1 P.M. She mentioned something abt. a trivia game w. the word "Bet" in it, and that the people doing it know Wayne Schmittberger.
Call from Anne Soucie. Problem w. Claude's doctor wanting to send him home, but he'll probably be transferred to "St. Vincent's" in Manhattan. Claude was pleased w. the LINES OF ACTION presentation which Ray Soucie brought him. He found typos in the English rules. She gave me address for a bazaar in Whitestone this coming Sat. & Sun.

Later in day saw entry on I BET I KNOW (see 2/11). Probably this is what Felicia was talking abt.

Call from Rollie Tesh. More discussion on presentation to USA TODAY.

Tuesday 3

Election Day
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GAMES. Spoke to Wayne Scmitberger. He will be writing to Christiaan Freeling abt. Hans Van Maanen, etc. When Wayne spoke to Bob Abbott Bob also mentioned Van Maanen. Wayne thinks there shouldn't be any problem, since Freeling's book will not be for commercial use. He has updated rules for BUSHKA, PHALANX, & CROSSFIRE and will get me repros. He gave me repros of letter from Freeling w. rules for CAISSA; also mentions of WILDEBEEST CHESS, SJAKTI, GRAND CHESS, ISOLA (Ravensburger), BUSHKA, MU, NETWORK, PHALANX. Played a few games of TRO-GO w. Wayne; even he had a little trouble seeing how the pcs. were placed. He told me abt. ONE-CAPTURE GO, where the first player to make any capture wins - it can be played on 19 x 19 or a smaller field. ONE-CAPTURE HEXAGONAL GO is similarly played on a field of 127 hexes - more or less. Asked him abt. I BET I KNOW - it was published by "Gavin Brackenridge & Co." and he worked on editing the questions; found a copy & made repros of the rules. His game w. "Jumbo" came up; it is called ORIENT EXPRESS everywhere in Europe except Germany, where another co. (Herder Spiele) has the name - he doesn't know the German name; he hears it is selling well.

Spoke to Will Shortz; he showed me a very glitzy German mag. called PERPLEX - puzzles except for a few standards, such as MÜHLE. Martin Gardner sent him a bunch of mags. from Argentina called JUEGOS, which Will said was also mainly puzzles; told Will that I once rcd. some mags. from Argentina (but later found that it was LA REVISTA DEL SNARK). From Scott Marley got copy of THE PERRY MASON GAME - they played it and didn't care for it, but discovered that they weren't playing it correctly; I'm to review it if I like it - otherwise do A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET: THE GAME which they played & liked - reminded him that I called "Victory Games" abt. it. While w. Wayne I noticed SOLITAIRE HANGMAN, his book; he gave it to me (& at home found I had a copy). Took a dupl. copy of Deluxe Oct./Nov. '87 GAMES. Took 2 copies of Special edition - A DECADE OF PUZZLING - all repros; WHIRLYBIRDS AND EARLY BIRDS by Wayne is the only game; rear cover ad for BLARNEY (Entertainment Production House). Looked for copy of BODY BOGGLE to replace the damaged box on my copy, but couldn't find one. Found THE WALL STREET GAME (American Games Inc.) and Scott said it might be good for a review - he'll get me a copy; in meantime made repros of the rules (at home found I had more complete repros from '86 and discarded today's.). Made repros of rules for SPELLBOUND THE GAME (no co. name given). Made repros of mat'l. from ANALOG mag. that I rcd. on 10/29. Wayne gave me a supply of "Contributing Editor" cards.

Rcd. another package from "Hexagames" (see 10/29) w. 6 more copies of my BLOCKADE.

Package from "West End Games" w. STAR WARRIORS - by Douglas Kaufman & Peter Corless; STAR WARS: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME - by Greg Costikyan & Curtis Smith.

From Bill Alexander rcd. AMERICAN GAME COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION "Membership Directory 1987" & Issue #1 of GAME RESEARCHERS' NOTES.

Called Anne to talk abt. Claude;

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Package from Joli Kausil • w. PITCH • - Yankees (Sports Games International) & CAN OF TERMS • (Null: Secundus Inc.). Card w. following note: "Sid - Here are a couple of games for your collection. - Hope you can look at X-WORD • soon. Joli."

Sent repro of TYCOON • (P.) rules & pc. he wanted from 1863 • (P.) - from dupl. of 10/17/81 - to Mike Gray •. Enclosed following note: "Dear Mike, so sorry about the delay in getting this to you! I seem to just be running around, sticking my finger in the hole that leaks the most. Looking forward to hearing from you - and hopefully to seeing you before too long. Sincere regards to all - Sid.".

Called "Pantheon" abt. foreign rights for AGOG •. Was connected to Karen Young • ((572-2092)). She said she'd look into it and call me back. Also asked her abt. BEYOND TIC TAC TOE • etc. w. "Hugendubel" - She'll look into it, but it will take longer.

Noticed that the letter I rcd. from Chris Campbell • on 10/23 was dated 9/23. Called him & he said no problem. I invited, and he said that he'd love to come to see my collection next time he is in N.Y.C.

Called Anne abt. Claude • in hospital.

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WHAT2IT ? • (M.B.), LIFE • (MB), JEOPARDY • (Pressman), BUMPER CARS • (P.), ADVANCE TO BOARDWALK • (P.), CONNECT FOUR • (MB), MOUSE TRAP • (MB), SORRY ! • (P.), TOPPLE • (Pressman), UNO DOMINOS • (International); CLUE II • (P.), LET'S GO TO THE RACES • (P.), THE VCR BASKETBALL GAME • & THE VCR QUARTERBACK GAME • (VCR Enterprises); WIN, LOSE OR DRAW • (MB), FEED ME ! • (MB), MR. GAME SHOW • (Galoob).

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Thursday 5

Full Moon

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Called "Ravensburger" and spoke to Bertram Kaes. Told him I never rcd. the advance money for THE INHERITANCE OF MR. MALONEY; he'll look into it & have it sent right out. The German edition is ready; the French is almost, & I should be getting one by the end of the month. I brought up METROPOLIS, in connection w. having payments deposited directly in my bank, and he said it wasn't doing too well – but they expect that THE INHERITANCE OF MR. MALONEY will do great. ($6.30.)

Rcd. '87 catalog from "Aristoplay" (addressed to GAMES c/o me). ARTDECK; MUSIC MAESTRO; MADE FOR TRADE; BY JOVE; WHERE IN THE WORLD?; HAIL TO THE CHIEF; PALEO PALS; DINOSAURS AND THINGS; GREAT WOMEN; GREEK MYTHS AND LEGENDS; FUTUREVISION; MAIN STREET.

Rcd. WHITE DWARF (#94-Oct.). Pc. on development of "Games Workshop's" WARHAMMER 40,000-ROGUE TRADER. Review of CHAOS MAROUDERS – Fantasy Board Game; of DEATH ZONE – Boardgame Supplement; of LAND OF NINJA – RUNEQUEST Supplementary Rules; of PARANOIA II – Roleplaying Game. Ad for WARHAMMER 40,000-ROGUE TRADER. "Stop Press" – Eric Goldberg & Greg Costikyan leaving "West End Games." Ad by "Virgin" for "SSI" games: ROADWAR 2000; B-24; WAR GAME GREATS; SHARD OF SPRING; PHANTASIE III. Ad for CHAOS MARAUDERS. A WARHAMMER adventure – A ROUGH NIGHT AT THE THREE FEATHERS. A JUDGE DREDD RPG adventure – TO LIVE AND DIE IN MEGA-CITY ONE. Ad for THE FURY OF DRACULA – Board Game. Pc. on "Alternative employment in CALL OF CTHULHU. Ad by "TSR" for TOP SECRET/S.I.. Article on BLOCK MANIA & MEGA MANIA, w. new counters. Ad for GAMES DAY 87. Ad for BLOCK MANIA & MEGA MANIA. Article on WARHAMMER 40,000-ROGUE TRADER. Article on RUNEQUEST. Article on BLOOD BOWL. Ad for PANGEA PBM game by "Anvil Games." Loose ad for "Dragonmeet Baltimore."

Call from Brian Campbell abt. his game ANCHOVY! (See 10/28). Pretty sure he said he'd send copies to Scott Marley & me.

Called Richard Byrne. Told him that I was sending the repros of the Dr. Ferdinand Maack to him today. I should be getting TRI CHEK soon. He is interested in follow-ups and would like to get BLOCKADE by next wk. for some kind of a meeting; told him I'd try, but I need to get the English rules for VIE. When he comes to N.Y.C. he'd like to visit, w. his fiancé – Christine Young – who is an executive in some big business.

Actually sent the mat'l. listed yesterday to Mike Gray today. Sent the "P." forms back to Chris Campbell. Sent the repros to Richard Byrne (abt. $1.40 BB said).

Message from Anne w. news on Claude. Don't call her.
Call from Robin King. Mainly she spoke to BB.

In HERALD STATESMAN, THE catalog from "Toys "R" Us". Removed page w., among others: NERF TABLE HOCKEY(P.), AGGRAVATION (Lakeside-?),

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To visit Claude @ "St. Vincent's Hospital."

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Rcd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION (Feb. '88). Clipped Matt Costello's reviews of THE LURKING HORROR (Infocom) & MANIAC MANSION (Activision), w. mentions of D&D & CALL OF CTHULHU.

Rcd. a "Barnes & Noble" catalog (addressed to Dana). Clipped the following ads: THE BRAIN GAME; THE JOY OF LEX & MORE JOY OF LEX by Gyles Brandreth; THE MENSA THINK-SMART BOOK; DOMINOES: 67 GAMES & TRICKS; a math book by David Wells; THE MYTHIC TAROT; [redacted]; MIND TEASERS: LOGIC PUZZLES & GAMES OF DEDUCTION; BRAIN BUSTERS NO. 1; PSYCHOLOGICAL GAMES.

Brought WINTER PUZZLEER for Dale.

To visit Dale. Brought PACHISI for Brian - but he didn't want it & we took it back; he gave me a MAGIC BALL puzzle. Phil gave me article on computer games from THE RECORD of 12/7; ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINER (Electronic Arts); SUB BATTLE SIMULATOR (Epyx); BALANCE OF POWER (Mindscape); PRESIDENT ELECT (Strategic Simulations); PINBALL WIZARD (Accolade); TEST DRIVE (Accolade). Gave Dale CELEBRATE ROMANCE (see 12/1).

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Early call from Phil F. abt. ACQUIRE on Ch. 2. Over by time got downstairs. Called Phil. It was part of a financial program. They spoke abt. "classic" games & how they fit into their times: MONOPOLY, ACQUIRE, PETROPOLIS, SCRUPLES, and others. Didn't get what specifically what was said abt. ACQUIRE.

Called Robin King to tell her I didn't feel up to going to the "Mensa" meeting. I asked, and she thinks there will be abt. 6 or 7 there. Most of them only want word games. One that they like is WINNING WORDS, which she thinks is awful.

Called Claude and spoke to Anne too. They are quite busy this wk. & next.

Called Bruce Whitehill. Message on machine that he was out of town, and not taking message. Call again after 12/28 (or was it 12/29?).

Card to Lou Zocchi; also letter abt. GAMES from me, & Jim Dunnigan.

Card to Bryan Mattimore; also letter abt. CREATIVE WHACKS, Michael Gray, Howard Wexler.

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Rcd. note from Wayne Schmittberger, w. repro of letter to him from Christiaan Freeling. Starting diagrams for LOONYBIRD CHESS, SHUTTLE CHESS, CHAKRA, ROTARY, WILDEBEEST CHESS, GRAND CHESS, XIANGQI, SHOGI, CONGO SHOGI, YARI SHOGI, CHAD (2 systems), CAÏSSA, & SJAKTI. Freeling asks if I have anything on FOCUS strategy (which Wayne already asked me); he discusses the differences btw. FOCUS & his CROSSFIRE w. pretty complete rules. Wayne added updated rules for Freeling's PHALANX.

Visit from Carl's (bringing can of cashew nuts). To some sales in Westchester. Bought FANTASY ISLAND (Ideal) (50¢ I believe) - some small parts probably missing. In $1.00 bag of books threw in GAMES WE LIKE BEST (Richard R. Smith, Inc. - 1931) - PENCIL PUTTS is not bad; HOYLE'S RULES OF GAMES (Signet Book) - Didn't check if I had this exact edition. Ronnie didn't get anything. After supper played THE PERRY MASON GAME - Audrey won very quickly by lucky lay of the cards - we all agreed that there was little chance for deduction w. all the movement of the cards. Started a game of STRICTLY PERSONAL - at first fairly interesting, but as we all got enough money the money activities seemed a waste of time - also there was too little interaction btw. players. Set next date on 12/12, weather permitting. (Later realized that neither of us remembered abt. CONCEAL - "The Whitich Co.")

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Finished letter/card to Hannelore Gavsiandt. My "aim" in creating games. DIE 1. MILLION, BREAK AWAY, KRAWALL IM PARADIES, SPIELBOX. HOLIDAY/DAS ERBE DES MALONEY.

Card to David Watts: DOORWAYS -- (Pressman). DIE 1. MILLION. DAMPFROSS, PIRATEN INSEL. ACQUIRE (Schmidt/A.H.). Walter Luc Haas, SPIELBOX. "Games Development Bond" - BIG STEEL & TANKER. I'd like RENTSVILLE & DESTROYERS AND DREADNAUGHTS.

Card to David Smith: "USPCC", TRAX, Susan Black, my plug: GAMES 100, "Best Games of the Year," MONAD/DIE 1. MILLION; HOLIDAY; DOORWAYS --. Mike Spock: WINNING TRAX; his collection, BREAKSCORE, TIPPLES, GREEN-AMBER-RED.

Call from Robin King, w. Rita Immerman's address: ((160 Nevins St., Brooklyn)). Told her I'd call Sun. to let her know whether or not I was coming.

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To visit Dale. At a H.S. sale bought 3 bags of plastic masters - all identical (25¢ each bag); bought 3 "King Size Markers" (25¢ each) - gave 2 to Bryan.

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Call from Felicia to wish us "Happy Holidays!" From Maria she heard that Bill Riva visited Zom Levine, and they are now both in CA. Told her abt. call from Phil Orbanes on CAN'T STOP (MURPHY'S LAW) (see 12/17).

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In answer to PLAYTHINGS card rcd. catalog from "Orda." New is RAYS OF LIGHT. Also listed: NUMBER RINGS, SHIFT!, USE YOUR MARBLES, the rest being strictly children's.
Rcd. post card from Roger Burten w. "Happy Holidays". No address & couldn't find one right now.
From "Chem Bank" rcd. notice of $1177.27 deposited from DM 2,000 from "SpielBox" - $35.13 was charged for the service! (In '87 misc. folder.)

Card to Werner Balzer - short message.
Card to Dan Glimne - asked abt. SHANGHAI RUMMY.
Card to Charles Phillips - your STUNning successes.
Card to Mark Setteducati - visit from him & Robert Fuhrer.
Card to David Greenwald - visit from him.

Called Robin King. She still doesn't have Rita Immerman's address. Told Robin I wasn't sure if I could make the "Mensa" meeting Sunday; if I can I'll call for the address. She doesn't have MONAD - promised her DIE 1. MILLION. She has been playing postal TRANSPORTATION CHESS w. Phil Cohen, Paul Yearout & Michael Keller (pretty sure it was all of these). She'd like to meet Wayne Schmittberger.

Started card to Hannelore Ganslandt.

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

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Call from Rollie Tesh; for BANANA BLITZ he'd prefer to have 12 as the no. of bananas for a blitz; I agreed to put 12 as the basic no., but to give 11 as optional for a "wilder" game. He said that he'd be meeting me next month at "F.A.O. Schwarz" for the "TRAX by Fax" tournament. He & Tom Braunlich will be playing the world champ TRAX player - Andrew Butterfield, who is in Australia (or is it New Zealand?). He is sure that I am invited - but told him that I haven't heard a thing. He mentioned SUPERTRAX - I have info on 6/30/86 & in the book I rec'd on 5/3/83, HOW TO PLAY BETTER TRAX. He also mentioned KERYO PENTE - which is in the 8/84 GAMES.

Called Scott Marley and told him that THE PERRY MASON GAME didn't work. He said to go ahead w. A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET! THE GAME.

Call from Scott. Matthew Costello submitted a review of "Chaosium's" ARKHAM HORROR so "Nightmare" is too similar. I suggested DOMINEW and Scott said O.K. Another call from Scott - Wayne Schmittberger wants a computer GAME reviewed so don't do DOMINEW. Instead do "Nightmare" for the following issue. ~~[illegible]~~

Called Karen Young. She said that I should be receiving the release of European rights to AGOG by mail. She is still trying to find out abt. ~~[illegible]~~ BEYOND TIC TAC TOE etc. w. "Hugendubel."

While I was out to McKenzie BB got thank you call from Mike Gray - for TYCOON (P.) rules & 1863 (P.) pc. He'll call again in a few wks.

Call from Anne abt. Claude.

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few "Freddies" came out. Started a 2nd game w. 3 "Freddies" already on the board; VERY soon 6 were on and most of our time was spent moving them aimlessly around; we didn't like it. He bought a copy of WAR IN THE PACIFIC (S.P.I.); all the boards & counters were there, but none of the other mat'l.; he asked to borrow mine to repro, but I said I'd try to get it done @ GAMES. I asked abt. BREAK THE BANK; he heard from Dan Ferrare, who only wanted to look at it; he is interested in possibly doing game - thing that he is afraid might be too similar; Herb "rented" it to him for $10 - ~~with~~ a $50 deposit ~~[illegible]~~ $40 back when it is returned. Herb mentioned that he like to do a review of EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE (Discovery Toys) but has trouble w. the rules; ~~[illegible]~~ was told that there were "advanced rules" but they never sent them; told him I'd check mine. Next date 12/11.

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Martin Luther born 1483
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Rcd. "PCB" catalog. Saw: GAMES MAGAZINE BIG BOOK OF GAMES - edited by Ronnie Shushan; BRAIN GAMES & BRAIN GAMES 2 & BRAIN GAMES 3 - by Will Shortz. (Don't think I have these, but didn't order.)

Rcd. ad sheet from "Xanadu Leisure Ltd." Picture of Joli Kansil; plugs for BRIDGETTE!, ITINERARY, ZIG-ZAG, GRAND SLAM BASEBALL, QUINX, KRAKATOA, MARRAKESH.

Letter from Bob Smith: At Phil Orbaneş' suggestion he sent the poem on me - which I already rcd. from Jack Jaffe: He got a copy of THE GODFATHER GAME from Donald Benge. From me he'd like REALM, HOLIDAY, MONAD, BAZAAR, ELECTION X, MOVIE MOGULS, AIRLINE (Gamma Two Games), SUMMIT, SQUARE MILE, MOUTAGE. He rcd. CABBIE & WESTMINSTER. From Derek Carver & Eamon Bloomfield he rcd. KREMLIN; from Derek he rcd. SHOWBIZ. He rcd. POWER "THE GAME" from Marie Yeung & says it is the best of '87.

Call from Carol Kamel. Told her abt. my disappointment over her STRICTLY PERSONAL. She was disappointed but very pleasant. Told her that if she sends a copy to Scott Manley he might find it to his liking.

Called Claude at the hospital.

Sent copies of AGOG (Pantheon) & BEYOND COMPETITION (complete rather than w. pages removed) to Marta Bela @ "Herman Blume" ($9.52).

Message from Lyn Raskin - call her @ ((734-6174)). Called her tomorrow. Don't remember specifically why she called. We spoke abt. BROADWAY (TSR) - which she insists was stolen from her; she is still enthusiastic abt. her subway GAME, altho I told her abt. ~~the~~ subway games from London & I think Paris.

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April; they'll have very finished proto-types for TOY FAIR; advance for me & Joli Kansil should come by 1/15/88. As well as the card games - BANANA BLITZ, etc. - they are considering ON TRACK MONOPOLY an idea of Rollie's - a central board is placed on the MONOPOLY board, which is entered thru the railroads; this allows people to buy stock in the various color groups, the majority holder sharing in the rent; lottery & insurance also probable. An 11yr. old girl published a game called GIVE PEACE A CHANCE which rcd. much publicity as she played w. various world leaders; they may take over publication; it was originally a school project. USA TODAY seems quite interested in their proposal.
Wished them all happy holidays, in lieu of sending a card.
Card to Frank Thibault: TOPPLE; DOORWAYS; MONAD/DIE 1. MILLION; HOLIDAY/THE WORLD OF MR. MALONY; BAZAAR.
Cards to Herb Siegel & Warren Buell - short messages.

INHERITANCE

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Veterans' (Armistice) Day (U.S.A.)
Remembrance Day (Canada)
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BB sent card w. message to Adela & Al Richter.

Rcd. a clever card from Mark Setteducati.
Rcd. card from Joli Kausil & Melanie, No message.
Rcd. card from Charles Phillips - w. copy of his STUN (International Games) - dupl. ((Return address - 18L, 180 WEA, NYC 10023.))

To "Chem Bank" to put in tax collection: $ 319.24 from Eamon Bloomfield; DM 850 from "Hexagames" for DIE 1, MILLION advance. Cashed the $190.60 "Discovery Toys" check for BAZAAR.

Called Derek Carver. (89,95) His SHOWBIZ [redacted] is on a "short list for '89" by "P. of Germany" - whatever that means! But "Hexogames" definitely wants it. Told him that they are rather short on cash, but he said that he'd rather take a definite ~~order~~ offer; also the "Hexo-games" have been having problems w. distribution that are clearing up. DIE PÖPPEL-REVIEW had an article on the original ACQUIRE; we spoke abt. it & he intends to try it. He thinks that my PROPERTY is a good game, except that drawing to get the missing color can give a player an unfair advantage; he suggested having diff. colored backs on the cards, or making players return excess cards; told him I'd look into it. He did a game called REVOLUTION, which an American co. will be publishing as WHIRLWIND. I asked, and he'll send me the name of the American co, and a repro of the ACQUIRE article. Told him a very little abt. SACKSON SQUARES & BANANA BLITZ & THE INHERITANCE OF MR. MALONEY - ~~will talk~~ more on this. Asked him to give my best wishes to all the people I met thru him.

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Rcd. FLYING BUFFALO QUARTERLY (#59). Info on MOBIUS 1; News on BATTLE PLAN & WORLD WIDE BATTLE PLAN. Notes on STARWEB. Letter and other info on NUCLEAR DISTRUCTION. "Victory Statements" on ILLUMINATI PBM. Note on HEROIC FANTASY. Ad for WARP FORCE EMPIRES (Emprise Game Systems.)

From Bryan Mattimore rcd. CREATIVE WHACKS (Roger von Oech). Covering letter - SID: Happy Holidays! Wanted to thank you for the Michael Gray lead. He'll be on the show Jan 12..., as will Howard Wexler. Thought you might like to have the enclosed. Had an article in Von Oech's latest book - - so he sent me a number of these. I think they're kinda fun. Best, Bryan.

Card from Robin King - Love! - BB sent one to her already.

Card - simply signed "West End Games."

Letter from Joseph Callero: CAMPAIGN in "The Family Huddle Game Series"; Ad sheet w. CAMPAIGN, OIL POWER, SUE FOR A MILLION, KEY-CUE, DESTINATION sold out!, SHAFT!. (Placed in Misc. letters.)

Called Rollie Tesh. He apologized for not sending me "The Family Huddle Game Series" mat'l. He will send me KEY-CUE, SHAFT!, OIL POWER (even tho I told him I had one), & ON TOUR - the one copy, which they don't need. Their ~~financing~~ funding has been held up, but they expect to have it by

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Called Claude & told him I would visit him tomorrow.

Rcd. FLAYTHINGS (Nov.), clipped the following items. Pc. on "Morey Kasch" & James J. Shea being inducted into "Hall of Fame." Another pc. on "New World Entertainment"/"Tonka"/"Kenner Parker Toys Inc." Ad by "S. Alden Inc." for ELVIS: PICTIONARY (Games Gang) is No.1 seller. Ad by "Victory Games" for A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET: THE GAME. Article on "Imported toys gaining ground" w. a listing of importers. Pcs. on the following games: BLARNEY (EPH); FIRST TO FIVE (Tedco); TRIATHLON (IIE Games); THE COUCH POTATO GAME (TDC Games); THE BRAIN GAME (Decipher); AMAZERS (EFS MARKETING); PRO FOOTBALL FRANCHISE (Rohrwood Inc.)-sent card; WORD FOR WORD (Spellcraft Corp.)-sent card; SKILLUCK (Fine Line Products)-sent card. Kept small ads for 3 co's. that manufacture completed games.

Called Abbe Bershatsky to tell her I tried, but can't make how "Mensa" meeting Sat.

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(Broderbund), BUREAUCRACY & STATIONFALL (Infocom), STRANDED (Rainbow Games); Ad by "THINKER/Games & Toys" for "THINKER" GAME CLUB; Ad for THE MURDER MYSTERY VIDEO PARTY GAME (J2 Communications); small ads - TETRAD (Green Cheese Publications), THE ARMCHAIR WEEKLY, AN OPEN LINE TO MURDER (Mailbox Mysteries, Inc.), SWORD OF THE RINGS (T.Q.Co., Inc.), TYLOR (Software by Matchups), LAWYERS' EDITION TECHNICALITY CARD (The Solicitors), VARI TRIVIAL (JJD Games Ult.), MURDER BY MAIL, NEMESIS - a GO program (Crystalline Creations, Inc.), FLEET MANEUVERS (Fantastic Simulations), CROSSFIRE (FoxLake Games). Made 12 sets of repros for VIE/SLY rules. Wayne gave me repro of a page from a SHOGI mag. w. a humerous pc. on draws in CHESS.

To Claude @ "St. Vincent's Hospital." Gave him copy of Jan.'88 GAMES.

To Lynn & Herb Levy. He had a group of games that he picked up lately: MARKET SQUARE (Heritage '83) - too simple; POKER TILES (Hasbro/Orda '76) - have this; THE LOVE COMPUTER (Multiple Toymakers/Miner Industries '70) - couples enter their answers to a question on feelings by pressing lever on 2 sides of a field - their score lights up at the intersection - rough idea; PRIORITIES (B.D. Cyrus '86) - don't remember what I did abt. this. The publisher of THE ORIGINAL BRUCE LEE MARTIAL ARTS GAME called, upset that he wasn't in the GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT; Herb told him the rules were poor; the guy argued but then said he was changing the rules & ~~then~~ would send a copy to Herb. He really likes (ISAAC ASIMOV'S) STAR TRADERS (Steve Jackson Games) which was reviewed in his last issue. Another one that he likes a lot is MAZE (Chris Kalivas) he may try to get another copy to trade w. me - he now has the tube version & the fancy wood one. Noticed WORD FOR WORD (Spellcraft Corp.) & remembered that we played on 9/4. He just rcd. a copy of A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET: THE GAME and we played w. this rather than the one I brought w. me; played once and found that very

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Letter from Bernd Becker, editor-in-chief of SPIELBOX. Enclosed check for DM 2,000 for ORGANISMS & BREAKAWAY. They can't use my FINANCIER, OIL STRIKE, SPY, or ODD & EVEN (tho I couldn't quite understand why). My getting SPIELBOX will end w. - or before - issue 5/87 (not sure of my translation). Walter Luc Haas is no longer w. them.

Rcd. from "Games Workshop" in England an ad sheet, mainly for miniature figures, & a few games. (Discarded.)

Rcd. THE GENERAL (Vol. 24, No. 1). Works in progress: THE ALAMO, PARTISAN, WEST OF ALAMEIN, HOLLOW LEGIONS, RED BARRICADES, TAC AIR, GETTYSBURG - an entirely new 5th edition, MAIN BATTLE TANK, DINOSAURS OF THE LOST WORLD, THUNDER AT CASSINO, MERCHANT OF VENUS. Ad for RAID ON ST. NAZAIRE, for PLATOON. Article on ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER; on STREETS OF FIRE; on SQUAD LEADER; on THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN. 2 scenarios for ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER. Article on SIXTH FLEET; on NATO. Ad for CENTRAL AMERICA. Article on RUSSIAN FRONT - errata on it. Article on PANZERGRUPPE GUDERIAN.

To GAMES: Asked Wayne Schmittberger abt, "Double-Zebra" & "Triple-Zebra in CROSSFIRE (see 11/7) - it is like "Double & Triple KO" in Japanese GO, where w. triple it can keep going on & on. In Chinese GO this is avoided since the same position may never be repeated. I asked, and Wayne said that GO-WORLD mag. has an article describing the diff. btw. the two GO's; he'll send me a repro. Wayne gave me a copy of SHOGI (The Games Gang Ltd.) - they rcd. a lot of them. I asked abt. WORLD GAME REVIEW and Wayne rcd. #7, but it came together w/ a letter from Michael Keller (Scott still didn't get #7). Spoke to Will Shortz. He was at a puzzle convention w. Robin King; I asked, and she won some prizes - she always does. He had a mag. from Spain - CACUMEN; I reprod RENDEZVOUS - un juego de Lewis Carroll; which is LANRICK in THE MAGIC OF LEWIS CARROLL; also reprod an original card game - LA GUERRA ABOMBARDA by Mario Tobelem. Since Will doesn't read Spanish I offered to translate a puzzle or 2 for him - but later Will said that Wayne reads Spanish. Spoke to Scott Marley. Asked abt. THE SYNDICATE (see 3/26) - he found that there was no player interaction; made repros of complete info. Told Scott abt. the 3 expansion sets for SUPREMACY & ROLLOUT; he'll write for copies - or if I can find a telephone no. I'll call him w. it; actually he said that he tried playing SUPREMACY & found that it didn't come to an end - I said that I had only played a few times before doing the review. I asked, and 2 copies of the new edition of THE WALL ST. GAME (American Games) should be coming soon. I asked abt. WORD FOR WORD & he never heard of it. My review of NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET: THE GAME is due by the end of the yr. Took four copies of Jan. '88 GAMES - deluxe: "Gamebit" on AQUABATIC PUZZLES & MINDBENDERS (Loncraine Broxton); Reviews of "Kid Stuff" w. MONSTER MASH (P), DR. TANGLE (S&R), NERF INDOOR GOLF (P), HAIL TO THE CHIEF (Aristoplay), PICTIONARY JUNIOR (Games Gang), HEADS AND TAILS (Ravensburger), & others; Reviews - OUTBURST (Western Pub), PERSONAL PREFERENCE

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W. BB to sales. In Mt. Vernon multi-person sale bought FOOTBALL (All-Fair) ($1.00). Dupl. - but original box was discarded.

Picked up the Lawrences and to flea market on Crany Ave. Bought LETTER FILE (Schaper - '74) ($3.00) - in shrink wrap (but was sure I didn't have it and at home opened it - then discovered that I reviewed it for S&T). Bought TRIVIA FEVER (Professional Software Inc.) ($1) - can be played w. or without a computer. "Fish & chips" at pub. nr. there house, then to their house. At Annette's request played BANANA BLITZ; used 12 for a blitz and it played quite well; although there was only one blitz there were 2 near misses.

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Called Jim Winslow. Thanked him for OVER THE EDGE. Told him of seeing it at "Crisloid" & my using an idea for an unattached pc not being able to move (ACROSS). Told him I'd like to have him visit; both busy and we'll get together at TOY FAIR to arrange it. He is working on a GAME of mountain climbing & the abdominal showman - but is having trouble making it juvenile enough.

Tried to call Marvin Silbermintz - but message that his actual no. was out of service!!

Call from Herb Levy. They will be having co. on the date we arranged; changed it to 12/29. He asked if I had found an address for "American Games" - THE WALL STREET GAME; I'll have to get it. Told him that I want to see S.O.B. (SAVE OUR BUREAUCRATS). Told him I have the rest of the mat'l. for WAR IN THE PACIFIC.

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Card from Paul Greenough - w. message
Card from Harold Saperstein - no message. BB sent one - "when are you coming?"
Card from Al Richter - w. message. BB sent one w. message.
Card from "Sports Games/Games America - no message - signed by Don Willson and others I don't think I know. (Rollie Tey is there.)
Reprod "end of the yr." letter from Glenn Rouse - no mention of PHIT.
From GAMES rcd. reprint of article by Jerry Calabrese in 9/87 issue of FOLIO mag. - also an ad sheet.
Card to Marianne & Erwin Glonnegger - w. message.
Card & to Bertram Kaes & the other 2 - w. message including thanks for HOUSE OF CARDS.
Sent Phil Orbanes the repro of the mat'l. on MONOPOLY from SCIENCE DIGEST.

Called Eric Goldberg & he called me back. Date changed to 12/29.
Call from Matthew Costello. He is working on a book of puzzles & the people behind them. He asked if I knew a "Bob Rubin" (not sure abt. first name) from whom he wants to get permission to use a puzzle. I didn't have info, but gave him Jerry Slocum's no. If this book

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Sunday 15 November 1987

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
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To rummage sale in Pelham Bay synagogue. Bought 7 ~~games~~ "Atari" cartridge GAMEs for $3.50 (and later discovered they were not for the "800." At garage sale bought unused deck of French playing cards (25¢).

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Rcd. PLAYTHINGS (12/87). Clipped the following, "Calendar", Ad by "The Lucasfilm Licensing Force" w. "P." listed for "Board Games" & "Tor Books" listed for "Adventure Games & Supplements" - for WILLOW; Ad for upcoming GRIPPLE ~~[illegible]~~ (w ☐ squared inc) - puzzle/game - sent card. Article on "Best Sellers of '87" w. NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM, PICTIONARY (The Games Gang), LAZER TAG (World of Wonder) - which didn't make it. Pcs. on MIKE TYSON'S PUNCH-OUT!!; MIND YOUR MANNERS (Baron/Scott) - sent card; SUN SIGNS & WITCH HAZEL (Ikron/R.D. Retort Enterprises); STATIONERY SHOW, Javits Center space sold out for TOY FAIR; THERAPY (Pressman) - rated 1st in LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER poll; HERITAGE ITALIAN EDITION (Heritage Games). Classified ads for CHEAR & for TONGUE-TIED.

Rcd. ANALOG (Feb./'88). Reprod. ad by "Steve Jackson Games" for ILLUMINATI (DELUXE EDITION); Mathew Costello's reviews a new Tenth Anniversary Edition of OGRE (Steve Jackson Games).

From "Ravensburger" rcd. card from Bertram Kaes & 2 other whose signatures are hard to read. Also a pack of "The Original HOUSE OF CARDS" designed by "Charles Eames."

Rcd. the VIE card back, signed for Richard Byrne - 12/15.

Looked at rules for MEDUSA - Wayne Schmittberger had some things wrong.

Called John Farewell & thanked him for the "care package" (see 12/17). He said he thought I might find something of interest, rather than throwing it away. Send him whatever I want to in return. He would like the rules for QUIRK (Argyle House); the board & rules for MR. REE (S&R); PATTON or MACARTHUR (R.G.I.); S&T's - of course. Told him it would have to be after the holidays.

Finally returned the PLAYTHINGS farm (see 11/28) - on way to Laurences. Visit to Laurences - bringing Phil 2 more sci-fi mags. Phil & I played my TRI-CHEK idea w. completing each level one at a time, but the player going first always lost; Phil & I both has the idea of playing on the entire field and that worked quite well. The 4 of ~~[illegible]~~ played ANCHOVY!; I had a very good hand dealt & won quickly; it could play better. (Later thinking that holding 9 cards in hand could allow for more planning - or maybe even 10.)

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Letter from Lili & Andy Castle, friends of Martin Gardner, opening a store in New Haven, Ct. & want info on foreign & unique GAMES.

From Rollie Tesh rcd. repros of proposal to USA TODAY on the "Newsplay" games. I, Joli Kansil, Gary Donner, Tom Braunlich are listed as "design associates." Roger Wilson & "H.I.J.K." are also listed. I object to his stating my using my game library for reference extensively. Called - Rollie not in - one of us will call the other.

Call from Phil Orbanes. They have themed CAN'T STOP under the name MURPHY'S LAW - "where the other line always goes faster." It, together w. other themes is being tested on consumers. The marketing force is enthusiastic over it. We spoke abt. GAMES mag. - after he asked abt. it. Told him that the problem was getting advertisers; he hears that Carl Eisenberg has been hired to help them get more advertisers. Phil wrote an article on MONOPOLY for a newsletter - BOTTOM LINE PERSON and because of it has been approached to write a book (he'll send me a repro). He is familiar w. WINNING MONOPOLY and his, if he decides to go ahead, will be diff. - w. a lot of history, including the tournament. He mentioned a 1923 patent by Lizzie J. Magie; that the ruling that took away the MONOPOLY "tm" was reversed when they appealed it against a new game (?).

Called Felicia to confirm time tomorrow & to tell her that CAN'T STOP looked encouraging.

Call from Felicia. 3rd quarter report from "A.H.": ACQUIRE - $376.70 EXECUTIVE DECISION - .19; VENTURE - 7.06; SLEUTH - 17.96; COMPUTER ACQUIRE (cassette) - .80; COMP. ACQ. (Apple) - .00; Total $402.71 - my share $342.30.

Called Scott Marley and told him I did n't care for A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET. He thinks he'll get the new version of THE WALL STREET GAME (American Games) in time for me to review it. Gave him telephone no. for Bob Simpson & "Supremacy" - to call for ROLLOUT.

BB deposited the SPIELBOX check in [redacted] "chemical" for collection.

Called Mark Herman. Not in, & I asked to have him call me.

After seeing TYCOON: THE REAL ESTATE GAME on 5/19 - STATIONERY SHOW - I looked for my copy of TYCOON: NEW YORK'S REAL ESTATE GAME & could find it; Noticed it in a tube today. Russell Miller never did send me the revised rules he promised.

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Rcd. "Fed. Exp." package w. rough art work on SACKSON SQUARES - asking my opinion. Dan Burns is name on the enclosed letter.

Letter from Don Benge. He sent THE GODFATHER GAME to Robert Smith. I can send the others to Don & he'll send them to Smith. Discussed CONQUEST - w. a new deluxe edition.

Rcd. mailing from "West End Games" - w. sheets & pictures for STAR WARS: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME & STAR WARRIORS (which I rcd. on 11/3) & THE STAR WARS SOURCEBOOK (which I haven't rcd. Also a "Spring 1987 Catalog." (Placed w. Toy Fair, etc. mat'l.)

Rcd. Jan. '88 copy of GAMES - dupl. (envelope said 3 copies?).

Drove to Felicia's to pick her & Doris Kemp up & drive them here for lunch. Showed Doris the collection. Told Felicia that my cut on the "A.H." royalty (see yesterday) was $342.30. Called taxi for their return.

Call from Rollie Tesh while I was out. Another after company left. He agreed w. my concern on my reference library and he'll point out that I don't copy games. I asked abt. the TRAX promotion @ "F.A.D. Schwarz"; they say that business is so good that they are not having any promotions until next Jan. Rollie asked abt. my ideas for higher royalties for BANANA BLITZ & I came up w. 2½% for 1st 50,000 copies, 3% for next 50,000, 3½% for next 50,000, & 4% after this. He'll check w. Don Willson. I mentioned that in the DOMINO HEARTS version of BANANA BLITZ it is possible to end up w. many cards in hand; he doesn't think this will bother kids too much; but I'll try limiting each draw to 3 or 4 cards.

Rcd. TRI CHEK, w. card from Richard Byrne & note that copy was sent to Scott Marley. In quick run-thru didn't find the rules very well written.

Called Claude early in day. Nothing particularly on games.

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does well he intends to do one on "Games" and will devote a chapter to me. I asked, and it was he who put me in for sub-scription freebies of ANALOG & ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION. He'll call me next month abt. coming here for a visit.

Rcd. a gift cake from Donald Benge.

[Started [redacted] 12/21]

Matthew Costello said he was getting permission for puzzles from various people in Europe - including Pierre Berloquin.

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Call from Mark Herman. Spoke to him, & then to Robert Ryer, abt. my objections to A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET: THE GAME. They did not argue much abt. it, saying the game was mainly for children. Robert did say that he was considering having more cards in hand, but never got around to testing it. They have both leaving "Victory Games" to work on defense projects in Washington. I asked, & Michael Moore will be in charge. I suggested, and Mark had me put done to receive any non-hardcore games they do.

Looked @ SACKSON SQUARES mat'l. Called a few times & finally got thru to Warren Holland. Spoke abt. SACKSON SQUARES art work and we both agreed it probably would be best just to leave out the lines dividing the pcs. into 4 parts. A few more minor points, I asked, and he wants me to return the package; he'll arrange to have "Fed. Exp," pick it up, and will call me when to expect them. I also asked, and he wants me to check whether the arrangement shown of the 64 pcs. was correct. Actually, the first thing I brought up was the problem w. the contract; he said that the lawyer was changing it.

Checked the 64 pcs. and found one pc. duplicated, w. one left out (of course). Made note on the sheet.

Call from Edna Roberts' son Barry. A woman he knows is interested in finding a manufacturer for an expensive GOLF GAME that she invented. Told him I knew of some cos. that do it, but none that I could recommend thru knowledge abt. them. Told him that, unless he wants to be involved, she could call me. He said that he'd have her call. Her name is Patricia Simon.

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Rcd. "UPS" package w. ANCHOVY! (THE PIZZA GAME) - some ad sheets & a letter from Brian Campbell (these placed in '87 misc.).

Rcd. card from Frank Thibault w. message; from David Greenwald - no message.

To visit Claude & Anne (bringing 10 White Castle burgers). Played 2 games of BANANA BLITZ - Claude played quite well.

[started 12/18]

Anne Soucie gave me clipping from NEWS on VCR 22 | B BAKER STREET (VCR Enterprises Inc.); she & BB solved ~~SUSPENDED~~ SEARCH w. much SAYING help from me. Brought card to them.

Burt Hochberg was at the GAMES party for a short time. He is now working for "King Features." Minda Zetlin there awhile & spoke to her awhile; some changes at NEWS could have caused them to forget abt. me.

Rcd. card from Will Shortz - w. a puzzle.

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Discovery Day (P.R.)

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Call from Rollie Tesh. Don Willson agrees to the royalties I suggested on 11/17. The contract for BANANA BLITZ should be coming soon.

Call from Felicia. Gave her Olga Sokich's 2nd name & tel. no.

Call from Patricia Simon. Her game is THE GOLF GAME PAR EXCELLENCE. I am pretty sure she said it is being produced and sold overseas, but it is too expensive to import it. Told her abt. PLAYTHINGS, particularly the "Directory" issue. Offered to read off same cos. but she said she'd try the library or buy a copy. Told her abt. GAMES and she said she'd send me info; I suggested the rules and she said she'd send them. Her tel. no. ((914-834-0270)).

In answer to my PLAYTHINGS card, rcd. sheet on PRO FOOTBALL FRANCHISE (Rohrwood, Inc.).

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Will Shortz SAYING

To GAMES, showed ~~his~~ ~~STATEMENT~~ SEARCH (without using the name). He said that the no. part dates back at least to Sam Loyd & and he showed me one that will be in the next issue. The letter part however is new; he likes it & will use it as a contest puzzle. I suggested ways of making it harder, but he said it was hard enough. Told him I didn't mind if he changed the "statement." Spoke to Scott Marley & he doesn't think he rcd. ROLLOUT from "Supremacy Games." Made the following repros: 10 ~~STATEMENT~~ SAYING SEARCH (giving 2 to Will) & 4 MONOPOLY article from SCIENCE DIGEST (giving one to Wayne Schmitberger & one to Scott); Mat'l. from ANALOG rcd. on 12/1; POSTIE GAME (R-Ket Games) - rules only; The mat'l. on the bounced "Hexagames" check; The charts, etc. for WAR IN THE PACIFIC (for Herb Levy), will gave me a sheet w. his CHRISTMAS STOCKING PUZZLES w. a prize for best answer. Took 3 copies of WINTER PUZZLER - Special Edition - Vol. 2 No. 1. Spoke to Wayne S.; asked him abt. the 3-D CHESS into he once said he'd give me - he's still working on it; in talking abt. all the PBM games he is playing, MEDUSA came up - he couldn't quite remember how it was played (see ~~his~~ 5/10/85); Christiaan Freeling is making further changes in his BUSNKA; & in talking abt. how CHESS gets less interesting as the possibilities diminish, I told him abt. ORGANISMS - he definitely wants to see the rules. At Wayne's suggestion, asked Will Shortz if he had Martin Gardner's WHEELS, LIFE, AND OTHER MATHEMATICAL AMUSEMENTS - at home; following this are KNOTTED DOUGHNUTS & TIME TRAVEL from his SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN columns; the one before was MATHEMATICAL MAGIC SHOW which I have. ~~At party~~ Asked Scott abt. STAR TRADERS - the only copy there was shrink wrapped for a prize - Mathew Costello wrote the review - Scott may contact Steve Jackson & ask for an office copy, and possibly one for me. At party Jerry Calabrese said that GAMES lost less money than they expected in '87, Will & Scott ran some GAMES: passing ping-pong balls by spoons - held in hand, and then in mouth; CHARADES - in which I didn't participate; teams of 3 - 2 see a statement such as "leap year", "cryptonite" etc, - the 3rd must guess it from a question the other 2 form, alternating words btw. them. (cont. on 11/18)

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Rcd. "Kadon" mailing w. "New GamePuzzles for Thinkers": TRIANGOES - created by Manuel Garcia; TRIANGOES JR.; SUPER ROUNDOMINOES. "New soft-pack editions": GRAND TANS; PROTEUS; VOID. "Brainteasers" from Len Gordon: STRING-ALONGS; GIANT-7 PYRAMID; TEE-SQUARE; MEMORY BANK by Bracha Ungar; STAK & CHASSE by Dave Rea. Also a complete "Price List". Separate sheet w. SCOOZIE - on sale by Rich Maiers, the inventor.

Rcd. repro of Phil Orbanes' article on "Winning MONOPOLY strategies" in BOTTOM LINE PERSONAL - w. note "Sid, As promised! Phil"

Call from Felicia to say that Olga Sokich sent her regards - and how impressed Olga was w. my collection.

Called Claude, w. therepist. Called 2nd time & spoke awhile.

Rcd. ad mat'l. from Pierre Jouan, a French craftsman of wooden PUZZLES. He got my name from THE PUZZLE WORLD by R.R. Holbrook (T
(Actually this came tomorrow.)

(Cont. from 12/17) [12/17]

Call from Phil Orbanes. Report on CAN'T STOP / MURPHY'S LAW: "Bad News" the test panel did not think the theme was appropriate for a "family game"; "Good News" - they thought it was good as an "adult game"; this test panel's report should be ready by end of Jan.; Marketing is all for the game. I asked, and we'll definitely get together during TOY FAIR.

Rcd. card from Phil Orbanes; sent card w. "Dear, Phil, Anna, Philip, & Julian - May the happiness of the season stay with you through all of 1988." Card to Wayne Schmittberger w. similar message. Card to Don Benge - "We're looking forward to seeing you at TOY FAIR!"

Rcd. repro of the bounced "Hexagames" check fr. "Dollar Bank." (In "Hexagames" folder.) (See 12/14.)

Rcd. box of games, clippings, etc. from John Farewell - obviously the remnents of S.K. Howard collection. Only had time to glance at contents.

Envelope to Joli Kausil. Front page from TIMES. Note w. address for Eamon Bloomfield. Mention of X-WORD. Card w. additional message.
Letter to Eamon Bloomfield. Rules for QUINTO, BREAKTHRU, & PLOY.
Pages from Oct./Nov. '87 GAMES w. "Best Games of the Year." TOY FAIR.
Thanks for KREMLIN. Joli Kausil. ($1.32)
Sent Mar./Apr. '78 GAMES (dupl. of 6/21/78) to Phil Orbanes - for article on MONOPOLY (abt 80¢).

($10.26)

Called Walter Luc Haas & spoke to him for abt. 15 min. The new management @ SPIELBOX cut payments to a rediculous level & changed his articles stupidly. He is not sure where he is going now. Reiner Müller may start another mag. Walter may approach BASLER ZEITUNG. He

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New Moon
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To Dale's. Bryan & I to 2 H.S. flea markets. Bought Bryan a copy of CHALLENGE PERFECTION - one pc. missing. Spoke to a gal from "Discovery Toys"; looked at EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE - she said that the rules had been revised, but I'm not sure if I have the latest. When I told her that I [redacted] invented BAZAAR she said it sells well @ gatherings, but not at flea markets; there is a VCR sales tape w. a nice segment on BAZAAR. Called Mel Bush, left a message & called me back; spoke for abt. an hour, catching up; he suggested that I check w. my bank on a Self Employed Pension (SEP).

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Preempt a puzzle idea - which I temporarily called SAYING SEARCH. Actually the dream was the "number" part & I added the "saying" part while awake.

From "Hexagames" rcd. signed contract for DIE 1. MILLION & check for DM850 as an advance.

Called & asked for Jürgen Hagedorn. Not there & spoke to Joe Nikisch. Told him abt. check bouncing (see 7/2 & 7/13). He said he'd look into it; I said I'd try to send him whatever info I could. He said they will be doing my SOLITAIRE DICE (from AGOG) and CARD STOCK MARKET (from PLAYING CARDS AROUND THE WORLD). They are also interested in seeing other of my card games. Asked him to send me a letter explaining what they have in mind. Asked him if he has seen BIG FUNERAL; no. Plugged it and told him I'd have Claude Soucie send him one. ($8.48)

Called Anne Soucie to tell her abt. receiving contract, & check bouncing. They haven't rcd. word on LINES OF ACTION. Spoke abt. our date Fri. (which was arranged earlier this wk).

Letter to Bill Riva; BAZAAR & "Discovery Toys"; FITTING AND PROPER / THE INFINITE PUZZLE; HARE & TORTOISE and UNDER COVER (Ravensburger); THE END; CORNER (Ravensburger) & 3, 4, 5; KRAWALL IM PARADIES & BREAKAWAY - SPIELBOX; DIE 1. MILLION, BLOCKADE, Walter Luc Haas, "Bütehorn / Hexagames"; thanks for "markers in 10 colors."

Call from Eric Goldberg. He & Greg Costikyan are consultants. Presently they are working on a WILLOW game for the "Tor Books" division of St. Martin's Press. It is in connection w. a movie that is hoped will be as popular as "Star Wars." Just to keep in touch he'd like to take me to lunch. Set 12/22 tentatively, but he'll call 12/21 to confirm. His no. @ "Tor" - ((674-5151-ext. 750)).

BB sent cards to Mel Bush & Raymond Soucie - no particular message.

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may revive EUROPA. Told him to call on me if I could help.

Working on a layout for SAYING SEARCH puzzle.

~~Started to type~~

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22 Sunday
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Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
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W. BB to sales in Westchester. At "Casa C." bought TIME: THE GAME ($2.00) - the 1983 edition (maybe I'll find my prior copy someday). Also bought ROMAN X (S&R) - dupl. & ORDAORB (TRICKBALL) (owned) (25¢). At temple on Reiss Pl. bought a lot of assorted rubber bands (50¢).

In NEWS saw ad for HEAD TO HEAD PERFECTION. Clipped page of reviews of "VCR Games": VCR 221 BAKER STREET (VCR Enterprises) - the best; LET'S GO TO THE RACES (P.); CLUE II - MURDER IN DISGUISE (P.); THE THREE STOOGES VCR GAME (Pressman); THE MURDER MYSTERY VIDEO PARTY GAME (J2 Communications); ABC SPORTS WINTER OLYMPICS VCR GAME (Mindscape); VCR HOCKEY & VCR BASKETBALL (Interactive VCR Games).

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(Gallimard); SPACEGO (Jumbo); SPONSOR (Jumbo); STAR FRONTIERS (Transecom); STORMBRINGER (Oriflam); STRATEGO (Jumbo); STRIKE (Matchbox); SUPER GANG (Ludodélire); SUPER LOTO (Coloredo); SUPERMARINA (Intern. Team); TALISMAN (Gallimard); TANGRAM (Ravensburger); TAROT (Grimand); TELE FOOT (Intern. Team); THALASSA (Intern. Team); TAPIS VOLANT, LE (Ravensburger); TINTIN! (Ravensburger); TITANIC (Schmidt); TOP 15 (MB); TOP SECRET (Jumbo); TOUCHE COULE (MB); TRIANGLES (Dujardin); [redacted] TRIVIAL PURSUIT (Kenner Parker); TUNNELS & TROLLS (Jeux Actuels); ULISSE (Hexagonal); ULTIMATE GOLF (Gogny Goubert); ULTIME EPREUVE, L' (Jeux Actuels); VAEVA (Novolud); VAMPO (Schmidt); VOUS ETES L'AS DES AS (Gallimard); VOYAGE EN FRANCE (Ravensburger); WAGRAM 1809 (Mazas Editions); WATERLOO (Intern. Team); XIANG QI; YIN & YANG (Jumbo); YOM KIPPOUR (Intern. Team); YORK TOWN (Intern. Team); ZARGO'S LORDS (International Team). "Micro-Climats": GO; L'ARCHE DU CAPITAINE BLOOD; TRAUMA. Ad for "Loriciels": MISSION. Article on COLONIAL CONQUEST (SSI). Reviews: BIVOUAC (Infogrames); PEGASUS (Electronic Arts); CLASH (Ere Informatique); BUBBLE GHOST (Ere Informatique); MISSION (Loriciels); BATTLES IN NORMANDIE (SSG); LES AVENTURES DU KA (Chip); INERTIE (Ubi Soft); GUDERIAN (A.H.); ANNALES DE ROME (P.S.S.); DANGER STREET (Chip). Rules & program for EVASION!. Ad by "FIL" for LES MUTANTS, & MISSIONS EN RAFALE: "Cote A Cote"; POINT-BLANK (Création Jumbo); OBSTACLES (Création François Pingaud); FLANK (Création C.S. Elliot); SIDOMINOS (Création Sid Sackson). Complete game - SORTEZ LES FLINGUES!. Regular columns on CHESS, SCRABBLE, DAMES, BRIDGE, GO, TAROT, BACKGAMMON, OTHELLO.

Rcd. notice from "Ravensburger" that DM 5000 is being sent to me as an advance on DAS ERBE DES MALONEY. No check.

Call from Herb Levy. He contacted Chris Kalivas and got both versions of MAZE for me; also the tube version for SCOTT MARLEY. He'll send them by "UPS". I said I'd reimburse him for the postage; he said he'll take a game in trade.

~~Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.~~

Visit from Jack Jaffe (late because of wrong turns in driving - flowers for BB) - supper. He gave me a repro w. diff. articles on THE LONDON GAMES FAIR

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Rcd. postcard ~~from~~ for change of address from { Bob Wittrock
5-3 Bridle Path
Ossining, N.Y. 10562
(914) 762-1228

Call from "Lee" @ "Decipher" abt. "Fed Express" picking up the box w. the mat'l. on SACKSON SQUARES. Told her abt. the duplication of one of the pcs., even tho I noted it in the box. Packaged the mat'l. in the original box and it was picked up.

Called Anne & spoke for quite awhile abt. Claude.

Call from Felicia. She got a letter from Bill Riva, but nothing of particular interest.

Called Scott Marley (twice). I asked, and he rcd. TRICHEK - hasn't had a chance to try it yet, and won't for a long time, he works abt. 2 days a marthon "Games & Books" and the rest of the time on "pencilwise" (!!?). The revised THE WALL ST. GAME (American Games) copies haven't come in.

Called Rich Hanson. I asked, and he'll send me 2 ~~copies~~ repros - 1 for Herb Levy - of the rules for THE EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE - altho he said I probably have the latest. He'll also send me a copy of the VCR tape that includes plug for BAZAAR.

Decided to call Russell Miller (see 11/16) & he'll send me the rules for TYCOON; THE REAL ESTATE GAME. (Actually this was tomorrow.)

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One article mentions the following: TRIVIAL PURSUIT; FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR (Gremlin Board Games); THE SPITTING IMAGE GAME OF SCANDAL (Kenner Parker) TEAM TACTIX (Boss); STRIKE by Uri Geller (Matchbox); ARMCHAIR CRICKET (Armchair Games); CAPITAL ADVENTURE (Capital Games); Maureen Hiron CONTINUO, CAVENDISH, GOMO-KU; Jack Jaffe, LIBIDO, SAVE THE PRESIDENT, SIGMA; DECISIONS; THE GAME OF CHANCE FOR THINKING PEOPLE. Repro of layouts for '88 LONDON GAMES FAIR & NEW YORK GAMES FAIR. Article on SAVE THE PRESIDENT in GAME NEWS - but this issue never published, when mag. went out of business. Jack spoke to Joe Kling, who is the pres. of "Ideal, Inc. (a subsidiary of View-Master Ideal Group, Inc.)"; Kling is interested in getting back into games; Jack spoke to him abt. me & will talk again. Jack is working w. Uri Geller on some games - told Jack the Geller is old-hat here. At the LONDON GAMES FAIR '87 someone was showing a prototype of a word game on a board where players moved by die throw to pick up letters - guessing the word the other player was aiming at was part of it: "Waddingtons liked it so much that they took it on; called ANAGRAMS. EYE (serif) was a strategy ~~game~~ with one board that moved on another - it didn't work. A game that is popular at "Sigma" is ENERGY POKER (see '80-on). The co. he is working w. on NEW YORK GAMES FAIR is - { CCE Ltd. (Suite 1121)
Chanin Bldg. 122 E. 42nd St.
212-867-5159
He can be reached there thru 12/2. Told him abt. Nick Baker & the BBC radio program w. me & David Pritchard. He never heard of

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24 Tuesday

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Rcd. check for "A.H." 3rd quart. from Felicia - $342.30. Enclosed weaving clipping for BB.
Rcd. submittion form back from "P." - signed by Phil Orbanes.
Rcd. 3rd quart. royalty report from Pressman, for DOORWAYS ---
Check for $1,318.38.

Called Karen Young at "Panthean" abt. the foreign AGOG rights. She said that the "editor" & the "publisher" approved the changes. She'll push them to get it out to me. Told her I sent a copy to a European publisher. She is still trying to get some answers on my books w/. "Hugendubel - BEYOND THE TAC TOE, etc.

Called Felicia to tell her the check came. Spoke for abt. half an hour.

Called Eamon Bloomfield & spoke for abt. 15 minutes. He didn't contact me abt. the results of the "Essen" show - which were good because there was another one in "Berlin" abt. a month later - which wasn't. He'll send me my share - told him to be sure not to cheat himself. I asked, & his store is doing very well. He will be here for TOY FAIR next Feb, & I gave him the dates. I asked abt. KREMLIN & AUF ACHSE (see 6/30); he'll send me KREMLIN - he just forgot; he hasn't rcd. the promised copies of AUF ACHSE, but will send me one when he gets them. I mentioned Bob Smith writing that he got KREMLIN from Eamon; We agreed that Smith was a con artist. In Germany he got copies of "3M's" QUINTO, PLOY, & BREAKTHRU and would like English rules; told him I'd send him repros. He'd also like the ~~Nov/Dec~~ Oct/Nov '87 GAMES w. the listing of new games for the yr. He has been going to auctions, etc. attempting to get old English games; He has an almost complete collection of "Pepys" games. Told him I had SCREW THE IRS for him; he'll take it when he is in the U.S. He asked me to send him the dates for TOY FAIR, but I read them off to him. Told him I was writing to Joli Kansil and will ask Joli to send him KRAKATOA; I asked, and he doesn't have QUINX; he'd like everything past ITINERARY - and also a "Trade List" so that he can order for his store. Told him that I didn't get all the games on the list of 2/17 of "Games Workshop"; Let him know which ones & he'll have Ian Livingstone get them to me. Told him to tell Derek Carver that I just haven't found the time to try BLOOD ROYALE yet; he said that they don't play it - it is too hard core. ($8.19)

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Baker. GAMES came up & Jack resents that "Wayne Schmittberger has an unreasonable prejudice against SAVE THE PRESIDENT.

Call from Robin King. Debbie Glivar has decided not to have a "Mensa meeting. Robin is rounding up someone else.

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Called Claude. He sounded better & said he was making progress.

Call from Jack Jaffe. His THE LONDON GAMES FAIR was a big success. He is in N.Y.C. working on one here for next yr. He is working w. a co. called "CCE Ltd." Invited him for supper Fri. abt. 7 P.M. He mentioned Charles Riotto of "TMA" as being interested.

From Wayne Schmitt berger rcd. repros of "The Chinese Rules of GO" from GO WORLD (No. 5/ Jan-Feb. '78). Gives an excellent comparison w. Japanese rules. (Filed in "Games from Games" folder.)

Envelope from Bill Riva: Repro of letter to him from Stephen Nassenfeld; Repro of "Spiel des Jahres" article in DAS SPIELZEUG (August 1987 - ? isn't this too early?); Winner is AUF ACHSE by Wolfgang Kramer (F.X. Schmid); Most Attractive is TATORT; NACHTEXPRESS (Jumbo); Other "Best Games" - DER FLIEGENDE TEPPICH (Ravensburger), DIE 1. MILLION by me (Hexagames), KREML (Fata Morgana), MARITIM - by Reinhold Wittig (Edition Perhahn), RESTAURANT (Flying Turtle), SAUERBAUM (Travelis), SHARK (Flying Turtle), Best rules is SPION & SPION (MB). Repro of letter to Werner Schlegel asking abt. CORNER, w. repro of the J.&S. swiping of the game - by Francois Pingaud. Repro of BAZAAR review in J.&S. Repro from DAS SPIELZEUG: DIE 1. MILLION & SOLO-WÜRFELN from SPIELE ANDERS ALS ANDERE; LINES OF ACTION LOA by Claude Soucie; TIMURIA; GEWINN' DEN OTTO. Repro of royalty report for FOCUS - dated 9/26/87 DM1082.21 so far this yr. Repro from SPIELBOX: "Besser Spielen" on BAZAAR; BREAK AWAY; Pages from SPIELBOX: "Besser Spielen" on BAZAAR; BREAK AWAY; KRAWALL IM PARADIES: Sheets from DAS SPIELZEUG on "Trademarks" etc. - in English. Repros of info from "Invention Submission Corp. (ISC).

[redacted] Call from Marvin Silbermintz. Mainly to say that he was the principle writer for a "Say Leno" special tonight - which we watched; He is not sure what his future relationship to Leno will be. He worked on a game TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES for Sam Goldberg @ "Pressman" but (I am pretty sure) nothing came of it. Sue Adams told him abt. a WALL ST. JOURNAL article on the people who sold PUNCH LINE to "S&R" suing "Coleco" for not promoting it properly. He was working on a GAME for "Galoob" - nothing came of it. He had "Invicta's" CUP WINNER which he offered to send me, but I told him I had it.

26 Thursday

November 1987

Thanksgiving Day (U.S.A.)

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Visit from Dale & Phil. Phil brought me reparo from NATIONS BUSINESS (Dec. '87) w/ reviews of STRESS ATTACK (Stressbusters) & PICTIONARY by Rob Angel. Gave Bryan SIR RING-A-LOT; the last of the TiH.i.N.G.S.

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called JENA; ILIAD (Intern. Team); JAEVA (Novolud); JARNAC! (Habourdin); JERUSALEM 1099 (Mazas Editions); ASSAUT, JEU DE L' (Arina); CHAPEAUX, JEU DES (Ravensburger); MILLE ET UNE NUITS, LE JEU DES [redacted] (Gallimard); JEU DE ROLE DES TERRES DU MILIEU, LE (Hexagonal); UR, JEU D' (Arina); JOYEUX COMBINARDS, LES (Habourdin); JUMBO JET (Jumbo); JUMP (MB); JUNTA (Jeux Descartes); KROLL ET PRUMMI (Intern. Team); LABYRINTHE (Ravensburger); LANDSKNECHT (Intern. Team); LA FRANCE EN QUESTION (Ferriot); LAPIN MALIN, LE (Habourdin); AUTRE JEU DE LETTRES, L' (Du-Jardin); JEU, LE (Franckh) - also SPIEL, DAS; AIGLES, LES (Jeux Descartes); COMPTE EST BON, LE (Nathan); LEGENDES (Jeux Descartes); LIEVRE ET LA TORTUE, LE (Ravensburger); SHERIF ET LE HORS-LA-LOI, LE (Gallimard); TROIS MOUSQUETAIRES, LE (Dujardin); TROIS MOUSQUETAIRES, LES (Hexagonal); TOUR DU MONDE EN 80 JOURS, LE [redacted] (Ravensburger); LEXICON (Habourdin); ILE AU TRESOR, L' (Schmidt); LITTLE BIG HORN (International Team); LIVRES-JEUX (Livre-jeu d'aventure); MAD (Kenner Parker); MAFIA (Intern. Team); MAGELLAN (Jeux Descartes); MAGENTA (Jeux Descartes); MAGISTRAL, LE (Habourdin); MAH JONG; MAITRES DES DRAGONS, LES (Gallimard); MAISON HANTEE, LA (Nathan); MALEFICES (Jeux Descartes); MASTER MIND (Kenner Parker); MEGA (J & S); MELLITI (Franckh, Kosmos); MEMORY (Ravensburger); MEUNIER ET FILS (Franckh Kosmos); 1000 BORNES (Dujardin); MHING (Gogny Goubert); 1870 (Jeux Descartes); MIRAMIS (Swam); MONOPOLY (Kenner Parker); MOCKBA (MOSCOU) (International Team); MONTDRAGON (Schmidt); MULTIMO (Keesing); MURDER PARTY (Schmidt); NAPOLEON ET L'ARCHIDUC CHARLES (Cornejo); NATHAN LETTRES (Nathan); NAUTIC MILES (Editions Luszpinski diffusion); NORGE (Intern. Team); OBJECTIF TOBROUK (Mazas Editions); ODYSSEY (Intern. Team); OEIL NOIR, L' (Schmidt/Gallimard); OKINAWA (Intern. Team); OMBAGUI (Franckh Kosmos); OPTIMOTS (MB); ORIENT EXPRESS (Jumbo); OST (Les Elfes); OTHELLO (Dujardin); PAEVA (Novolud); PARANOIA (Jeux Descartes); PARIS ZOOM (Jeux Descartes); PENDRAGON (Gallimard); PENTE (Kenner Parker); PETIT BAC, LE (MB); [redacted] PETANQUE, LA (Mazas Editions); PIEGES! (MB); PIRATE INC. (Franckh); PLAN BARBAROSSA (Jeux Descartes); PLAY-BAC (Play Bac); PLAY OFF (Intern. Team); POKER D'AS (+ Jeux Descartes); PUISSANCE (MB); PYLOS (Les Elfes); 4 ETOILES (Habourdin); RALLY (Intern. Team); RENCONTRE COSMIQUE (Jeux Descartes); RENDEZ-VOUS RUE DE LA PAIX (Kenner Parker); RENJOU (L'Impensé Radical); RESTAURANT (The Flying Turtle); REVE DE DRAGON (NEF); RICHESSES DE FRANCE (Nathan); RICHESSES DU MONDE (Nathan); RISK (Kenner Parker); ROMA (Intern. Team); ROMMEL (Intern. Team); ROYAUME DES 5 COURONNES (Habourdin); RUMMY (Ravensburger); SAMARCANDA (Intern. Team); SAMOURAI (Rexton); SATANIX (Habourdin); SCOOP (Nathan); SCOTLAND YARD (Ravensburger); SCRABBLE (Habourdin); SCRABBLE REBUS (Habourdin); SCRUPLES (MB); SEXY FOLIES (Habourdin); SHARK (The Flying Turtle); SHERLOCK HOLMES (DÉTECTIVE CONSEIL) (Jeux Descartes); SIEGE (Rexton); SHOGI (Impensé Radical); SOLFERINO (Jeux Descartes); SOLITAIRE; SHOOT (Jeuplay); SORCIER DE LA MONTAGNE DE FEU, LE

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cd. J&S #48. Ad by "Jeuplay" for SHOOT, PYRAMIDE, JEU DE TROIE, PAX, 4x4 AFRICAIN. Article on TAPIS VERT - le petit frère du LOTO. Pc. on MAXI BOURSE, Pc. on GAMES DAY in England. Article on electronic CHESS. Reviews: PARIS-ZOOM (Jeux Descartes), HOTEL (MB); DINGBATS (Habourdin); STRIKE (Matchbox); LA FRANCE EN QUESTIONS (Ferriot Productions); SHOOT (Jeuplay); YIN & YANG (Jumbo) - which is the same as their CAT & MOUSE. Article on computer CHESS games. Ad for CARCRASH ~~[illegible]~~ (3615 Jest); for STARSAGA (36.15 Minip). 2 articles on CHESS tournaments. Ad for RENCONTRE COSMIQUE (Jeux Descartes). Ad for POUR LA SCIENCE - the French edition of SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. "Le Guide de Tous Les Jeux": ALESIA (Jeux Descartes); AMBITION (Schmidt); AMIRAUTE (Jeux Descartes); ANTI-MONOPOLY II (Ferriot); AN MIL, L' (Jeux Actuels); APPEL DE CTHULHU, L' (Jeux Descartes); ARBORA (Franckh Kosmos); ARCHE DE NOÉ, L' (Nathan); ARLEQUIN (Games Storming); ARMADA (Jeux Descartes); ASCENSION (Arjen); ASTÉRIX ET LA POTION MAGIQUE (Nathan); ATTILA (International Team); AUTOROUTE, L' (Dujardin); AVANT CHARLEMAGNE (Robert Laffont); AVE TENEBRAE (Jeux Descartes); AWELE (+ L'Impensé Radical); BACKGAMMON; BASTON (Jeux Actuels); BATAILLE DE FLEURUS (Jeux Descartes); BATAILLE DE LA MARNE (Jeux Descartes); BATAILLE DE VALMY (Jeux Descartes); BAZAAR (Schmidt); BIBIFOC ET LES OURS (International Team); BITUME (Croc); BLANCHE NEIGE ET LES SEPT NAINS (Nathan); BLUE STONES (Intern. Team); BOGGLE (Kenner Parker); BONAPARTE (International Team); BONNE PAYE, LA (Kenner Parker); BONNE PECHE, LA (Dujardin); BORODINO (Les Elfes); BUSHIDO (Hexagonal); ~~[illegible]~~ CAMPUS (Kenner Parker); CANON NOIR (Kenner Parker); CAPITAINE COSMOS (Rexton); CARRIERES (Kenner Parker); CARTES (Varied); C'EST PAS D'JEU (Dujardin); CHICAGO (The Flying Turtle); CHILL (~~[illegible]~~ INITIATION AU JEU D'ÉPOUVANTE) (Schmidt); CHILL (LE MANOIR DES TÉNÈBRES); CLAIM (Jumbo); CLUEDO (Kenner Parker); CODE 777 (Jumbo); COMPAGNIE DES GLACES, LA (Jeux actuels); CONTRAT IMPOSSIBLE, LE (Dujardin); CONVERSION (Mazas Editions); COURSE A LA RÉUSSITE, LA (Kenner Parker); CROISADES (Rexton); CROSSADO (Hexagames); CROSS CARTES (Volumétrix); CROSSCHESS (Crosschess); CRY HAVOC (Rexton); DAMES; DAMES CHINOISES; DAMES 2000 (The Flying Turtle); DAEVA (Novolud); DEMI-MOT (Habourdin); DES (Varied); DESTINS - LE JEU DE LA VIE (MB); 2° D.B. NORMANDIE (Jeux Descartes); 2° D.B. PARIS (Jeux Descartes); DES CRUS ET DES VINS (Mazas Editions); DES LETTRES ET DES MOTS (Nathan); DIEN BIEN PHU (Jeux Descartes); DINGBATS (Habourdin); DIPLOMACY (Kenner Parker); DIX DE CHUTE (MB); DJAMBI (L'Impensé Radical); DONJONS & DRAGONS (Transécom); D&D (RÈGLES AVANCÉES) (Transécom); DOMINOS; DUEL MASTERS (Labruyère); EAST & WEST (Intern. Team); EAUX VIVES (Green Games); ÉCHECS; EMPIRE GALACTIQUE (Laffont); EUREKA (Intern. Team); EXCELLENCE (MB); FANTOMES (Schmidt); FEERIE (Les Elfes); FEU ROUGE, FEU VERT (Nathan); FIEF (Intern. Team); FLAMBEUR, LE (MB); FRIEDLAND (Jeux Descartes); GANG DES TRACTION-AVANT, LE (Intern. Team); GENERALOWSKI (Intern. Team); GERGOVIE (Mazas Editions); GIPSO (Intern. Team); GO; GORILLA (Green Games); GRAND PRIX (Habourdin); GRAND PRIX (Intern. Team); GRAND SAFARI (Ravensburger); GUERRES SECRETES (Habourdin); GYGES (Bass & Bass); HALMA (Ravensburger); HAMBURGER (Habourdin); HOLDING (Intern. Team); HOTEL (MB); IENA (Intern. Team) - also

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Since yesterday Jack Jaffe mentioned that Martin Gardner was moving, I called Martin. He is moving to a condomynium (110 Glenbrook Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739, (704) 693-3810) and will keep the same tel. no. I asked, and he is renting an office in town for his library. I asked how THE GAME OF SOLOMON was going; He gets a royalty of abt. $10.85 every quarter (!). Thanked him for the rules for THE SISTI CHALLENGE. He has been approached by Will Shortz abt. the book Will is doing on Sam Loyd's puzzles - Martin thinks it will have a wealth of new material. He sent Will the Argentinian mags, will paying the postage; I asked, and there were GAMES in them he is pretty sure. I asked him abt. Dr. Thomas Parell (see 10/27), but he couldn't remember giving Parell my no.; I asked abt. the PENROSE TILES & he wrote abt. them in '77 (actually 1/77). Told him abt. SACKSON SQUARES, and that I'd send him a copy when they are out. He suggested my sending copies & - or having them sent - to: Michael Steuben who writes a puzzle col. for DISCOVER mag.; Scot Morris of OMNI - told Martin I didn't hear from Scot this yr.; Keewatin Dewdney who writes on computer amusements for SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN - he can often see computer connections, Martin writes for DISCOVER, but not games or puzzles - his latest is on "Glossallalia" (spelling?), "Speaking in Tongues." He did a series of columns on puzzles for ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION; they are being collected in 3 books: PUZZLES FROM OTHER WORLDS, SCIENCE FICTION PUZZLE TALES, & RIDDLES OF THE SPHINX - to be out in a month or 2 (all 3?). He is eliminating his dupl. books & asked if I wanted THE TOKYO PUZZLES & MATHEMATICAL MAGIC SHOW; yes, checked & I have both; called to tell him, but he said that they were all ready to go. ($3.70 & $3)

Rcd. air mail package w. KREMLIN; Letter from Eamon Bloomfield w. an accounting of what money he is sending me for the games he sold in Germany. I think he is giving me too much - will have to go over this when he is here for TOY FAIR.

Rcd. a short form to return to "Geyer-McAllister Publ. Inc"/PLAYTHINGS.

To Lawrences, since Jill was there. Brought her Jan. '88 GAMES. Jill & I played TRO-GO (altho I forgot to bring the board) and we both played defensively - in the moving phase she finally won a 2-pointer. The 3 of us played TRI CHEK; didn't care for the 3-in-a-row or small square version and stopped it. Played 3-hand BANANA BLITZ w. 12 for a blitz and Jill won. Then she & I played 2-hand & won on the first hand w. a massive blitz. The only game she lost was a 4-in-a-row TRI CHEK where I won.

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From NEWS• insert for "Toys "R" Us" clipped ad for NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM• & software for it: METROID•(Nintendo), ALPHA MISSION•(SNK), ZANAC•(FCI), WINTER GAMES•(Acclaim), CASTLE-VANIA•(Konami), ARKANOID•(Taito), SECTION Z•(Capcom), LUNAR POOL•(FCI). Also a group of board, etc. games - w. NBA BAS-KET•(Cadaco) the only one that might be unfamilior.

Called Herb Levy• to see if Jack Jaffe• got there, Yes, & I spoke to Jack. He will talk to Joe Kling• of "Ideal/View-Master" abt. me tomorrow. Told him if anything came of it he'd get an agent's fee. He said he'd like to handle some of my games in England; he "knows" he can place a good word GAME•. I had mentioned that "Seven Towns" had some of my items - he didn't think much of Tom Kremer•.

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Wayne Schmittberger• - GRAND CHESS•, GENERALIZED CHESS•. "ULTIMA• Part 3" - by Paul Yearout•. "Book Reviews": PENTOMINO ACTIVITIES•, SUPER TANGRAM ACTIVITIES (1 and 2)•, PENTOMINO LESSONS•, PENTOMINO PUZZLES•, POLYOMINO LESSONS•, SUPERTANGRAMS FOR BEGINNERS (1 and 2)•; THE INS AND OUTS OF PEG SOLITAIRE•, SLIDING PIECE PUZZLES•; CHINESE CHESS•. "Game and Puzzle Reviews": RUBIK'S MAGIC•(Match box Toys); LOGICMASTER•(Logicmasters); ENGEL'S ENIGMA•(General Symmetrics); CHASE•(TSR). [redacted] "Four New CHESS• Variants": CHESSNUTS•(Malcyon), LAZER CHESS•(Think Tank Games); SCEPTRE 1027A.D.•(Horizon Games); SUPER CHESS•(Super Chess). "Game News": CATHEDRAL• by "Mattel"; compact MARRAKESH•(Xanadu Leisure); "Kadon Enterprises" - QUINT-GRAM• - QUINTILLIONS•, SEXTILLIONS•; "P." - INSTANT INSANITY•; HOPSCOTCH• - Alan Parr• - LATINO• - LACHAINO• by Michael Taylor• - TRAILBLAZER• by Steve Wilson•; G.P. Jelliss• folding CHESSICS• mag. & starting THE GAMES AND PUZZLES JOURNAL•; David Pritchard• - FLAGSHIP• mag.; TOUGH PUZZLES• mag.; Ruth Roufberg• GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY• - me, Phil Wiswell•, Bernie de Koven•; THE AMERICAN GAME COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION• - GAME TIMES•; THE INTERNATIONAL GAME TRADER AND COLLECTOR• - John Favewell•. "Bibliography" & "Addresses." Letter from Michael Keller• - my winning prize - would like to come to visit.

Call from Michael Gilano•. Rollie Tesh• suggested that he call. He is putting out a game he wants to call MARAUDER• and he wonders if the name was used; found the "Sierra On-Line Inc." had one in '83. Because of a name conflict his co. is now called "Keyline-Falcon." As well as MARAUDER•, he will have the following games for '88! PAVÉ•, PARADIGM•, LEGATO•, MANTIS•, SAGALA•.

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St. Andrew
Winston Churchill born 1874
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Call from Hans Van Maanen. He is @ "Penta Hotel" - ((736-5000 - Rm. 490)) thru Fri. Invited him Thurs. @ abt. 10 A.M. - for lunch.

Called "West End Games." Curtis Smith not in yet and instead spoke to Lee Gelber. He is definitely interested in adding IT'S A DEAL & 2 other of my GAMES. He will arrange to come here sometime in Dec. Doug Kaufman (who is now married & they have moved back to NY.) will probably come w. him.

Called Larry Mass. Not in & he'll call me Weds. Called 2nd time - since I'll be in & out Weds. he'll call Thurs. or Fri.

Called GAMES. Scott Marley not in, but he did call me back. Told him that TRI CHEK didn't work out well; he hasn't had time to try it.

Letter from Hannelore Gansländt. DIE 1. MILLION popular @ "Essen," Needs "quote" from me for "Ravensburger" special for NÜRNBERGER MESSE; BREAK AWAY & ORGANISMS in SPIELBOX.

Called "CCE" - Jack Jaffe not there, but called me later. He changed the date w. Joe Kling to Weds. Arranged that I'd bring him RED LETTER & BLOCKADE today. Made record of the letter arrangement, etc. for the pegged RED LETTER model - w. the rules started on 12/19/81. Prepared a BLOCKADE box - from those I just rcd. from "Hexagames" - and changed the name to VIE - and added the English rules. When Jack didn't call in time to confirm date today we set it tomorrow @ GAMES mag.

Called Anne Soucie to check on Claude. Michael Duby visited him & is talking abt. putting out NEXT.

Call from Curtis Smith of "West End Games." I asked, and Lee Gelber didn't tell him abt. my call. Jack Jaffe called him abt. coming to the NEW YORK GAMES FAIR. Curtis asked my opinion - Jack is an "operator" but basically I think he is honest; I doubt if the Fair has much chance of suceeding, which I told to Jack too.

Called Herb Levy to discuss my using Jack Jaffe as an agent. We agreed that the chances weren't great, but noone else wants the games. He asked if it would be O.K. to wait w. the 2 copies of MAZE he has for me, bringing them on 12/11 - of course, Jack tried to get Herb to take a booth @ NY GAMES FAIR for $1600 - to sell used games!

Call from Robin King. The next Mensa meeting will be in Brooklyn on 12/27 @ the apt. of Rita Immerman ((718-624-4876)) - Robin will get her address to me.

In talk w. Curtis Smith I mentioned my disappointment in "Victory Games" A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET. He said that "Victory" is down to 3 people & a sect. He also saw a pc. in TIMES - probably last Fri's - that "A.H." lost so much on "Hide-a-Baby" that they may be going "belly-up." (Dang couldn't find the pc)

11/29 **Tuesday 1**

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Wrote a contract covering the arrangement btw. Jack Jaffe and me on RED LETTER & VIE/BLOCKADE, and BB typed it.

To GAMES. Spoke to Will Shortz abt. the mags, he got from Martin Gardner. They are, from Argentina: LA RIVISTA DEL SNARK, HUMOR Y JUEGOS, JUEGOS. (the previous was separated into 2 parts). From Spain - CACUMEN. When I want to look at them I'm to call and arrange to ~~have them~~ bring them in. In an art book (?) he saw a mention of a new Italian mag. called GIOCHI. To Scott Marley. He gave me copy of CELEBRATE ROMANCE: A RENDEZVOUS FOR TWO - which he said wasn't really a game, & it isn't. Later 2 copies of THE WALL STREET GAME (American Games) came in & he gave me one; to review if I like it. Made repros of the following games: DAKARA (Lionel Chauvel - rules only; DELTA, FORESIGHT, LEVEL Q, SIXTY-5 (these 4 by I.Q. Co., Ltd.) - complete info. Made repros: 2 copies of Jack Jaffe contract; rules for PLOY (3M). WAR IN THE PACIFIC (SPI) - rules, charts, scenarios, & errata. Jack Jaffe came in. We discussed terms of the contract; we signed it and had Will Shortz sign as a witness. Gave Jack RED LETTER and VIE/BLOCKADE (without the German rules). He'll call me tomorrow after his meeting at "Ideal---." (When earlier I told Scott that Jack was coming, he said he didn't want to have anything to do with him.) Left note on Wayne Schmittberger's desk thanking him for the GO article (see 11/25). Took copy of Oct, Nov, '87 GAMES - dupl.

To visit Claude in hospital. Michael Duby came while I was there. Gave me his card - "PSI Games." He is thinking of putting Claude's games into a book like AGOG. He mentioned being connected (how?) w. QUINTESSENCE (Pentagames Inc.) & GENERAL'S CHESS (PSI) - which he said was CHINESE CHESS. Gave him my "GAMES" card w. my tel. no. added.

Rcd. GIFTED CHILDREN MONTHLY (DEC. '87). Nothing specifically on games. From "Discovery Toys" rcd. repros of EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE rules - 2 of (they are the same as those I have).

Package from Martin Gardner w. THE TOKYO PUZZLES - dupl.; MATHEMATICAL MAGIC SHOW - dupl., but the "Penguin" edition; ENTERTAINING MATHEMATICAL PUZZLES - an updated reissue of Martin's MATHEMATICAL PUZZLES (which I don't think I have).

Rcd. Jan. '88 ANALOG mag. Reprod ad by "Chaosium Inc." for ARKHAM HORROR boardgame; CALL OF CTHULHU; CTHULHU NOW. Ad by "Steve Jackson Games" for GURPS; HUMANX. Matthew Costello reviews EARTH ORBIT STATIONS (Electronic Arts).

Rcd. WORLD GAME REVIEW #7. "Want Ads": Peter Beck - RUBIK'S CUBE & other puzzles; Mario Fabbri (from Italy) - CHESS variants, etc.; David Pritchard - selling copies of [redacted] G&P. "Letters": IMPUZZABLES; Anneke Treep - FANAAT club, Christiaan Freeling, HAVANNAH, RISK; ATLANTIS, CAN'T STOP is by me - SOLITAIRE DICE - GREAT RACES. David Pritchard - SURVIVE! - ESCAPE FROM ATLANTIS (Waddington's) - Julian Courtland-Smith. I was "Cattest Five" - Ruth Reuberg 2nd; List of books & one puzzle to choose a prize. "Construction Tasks and THE GENT'S GAME - Steve Wilson - WHEELS, LIFE, AND OTHER MATHEMATICAL AMUSEMENTS by Martin Gardner. Many POLYFORM problems. "Comments on FREE CHOICE CHESS": David Pritchard,

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Call from Richard Byrne. He wondered where my VIE/BLOCKADE was (see 11/5). Told him that another co. might be interested in it & despite his saying I should, that I won't send it to 2 cos. at the same time. Told him that I'd try for a quick answer. Said that I liked the construction of TRI CHEK, but that the rules weren't good, and that some of the games just didn't work. He asked if I could re-write them; yes, for a fee and told him my rates. Discussed it a little, but nothing definite. Incidentally, he started the call by saying that he was sure that he could only get a "TM" on TRI CHEK, but not on the individual games.

Called Jack Jaffe @ "CCC." Not in, but he called me back. At "Ideal--" he didn't speak to Joe Kling, but was shunted to Esther Shelberg (627-1800). She wasn't at all interested in RED LETTER or VIE. She said that she'd call me abt. looking @ other things, but he said to call her in a few wks. if she doesn't. He was supposed to give Herb Levy another copy of SAVE THE PRESIDENT to give to a play-tester for a review in GAMERS ALLIANCE REPORT. He doesn't have one handy and asked me to give Herb mine, to be replaced when he comes to TOY FAIR.

started a listing of "Things to be Done."

Thursday 3 December 1987

St. Francis Xavier
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Rcd, notice from "Chemical Bank" that DM2,000 has been entered for collection. (From SPIELBOX)

Visit from Hans Van Maanen. Gave me copy of his book titled MENEER VAN DALE WACHT OP ANTWOORD which is a take-off on a phrase children are taught on the order in which operations are to be made in an equation. "Van Dale" is their std. dictionary. My LAST WORD is in it-credited to me & AGOG. The book he is working on, that will include my FOCUS & NETWORK, is called SPRINKHAN - which is the name of the first game in it; it is a HALMA type played on an 8x8 board - called CRIQUET in France (but I couldn't find it). The book will contain some 80 games & 20 variations all played on 8x8 or 10x10 boards. Two other similar books, both of which have my DIGIT DRAUGHTS, are: SPELLETJES OP HET 8 CHAAKBORD by Leo Martinus; 100 OTHER GAMES ON A CHESS BOARD by Stephen Addison - he will send me the name of the English publisher - it is also in Dutch. I asked, and he said no problem if Christiaan Freeling uses FOCUS in his book; Freeling is such a perfectionist that Hans doubts if he'll ever actually publish the book. He mentioned the game CONTRARIO, which is supposed to be invented by Evan Moscovich. The board & starting position is as shown. In turn a player moves one of his pcs. as a "Rook." Object is to be first in moving all the pcs. to the goal row. In talking abt. books, Hans said that R.C. Bell is very careless in his presentation of game rules. He mentioned a Dutch collector of games - Ever Horn; I suggested his giving my address to Horn, to write to me if he is interested. In talking abt. Alex Randolph I said that CORONA was his best, but that "A.H." left out the best variation in doing MOONSTAR; but when we looked at CORONA that variation - which I gave in my S&I review - wasn't there (??). Gave Hans copies of BEYOND TIC TAC TOE & BEYOND SOLITAIRE. 50 JEUX AVEC DU PAPIER ET DES CRAYONS came up; Hans said it was poorly done. Took his card. Hans asked me abt. some kind of a hanging mobile that could be pulled into different configurations - where he might be able to find one; told him I had no idea, but gave him Jerry Slocum's address & no. as a possibility.

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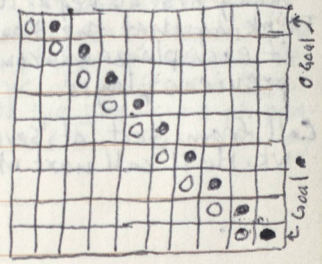
Mister Van Dale
waits for Answers
(Roots) (Add.) (Subt.)



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Rcd. notice from "Chemical" that [redacted] $2,989.76 was credited to my account (for DAS ERBE DES MALONEY•). Another sheet lists a $3.00 service charge.

Rcd. 3rd quarter royalty report from "Discovery Toys" for BAZAAR• - $190.60 past the advance.

W. BB & Edna to sale @ "The Immaculate Heart of Mary" in Scarsdale (Post Rd. and [redacted] Boulavard). Bought the following at 25¢ each; SUDDEN DEATH• (Gabriel) - pcs. still in original mold - placed them in dupl. of 9/27/86, throwing board & box away; FEUDAL• (3M) - dupl. - parts missing, but playable by up to 4; JACKPOT YAHTZEE• (MB) - Dupl.; CHINESE CHECKERS (Gabriel) - dupl. - rules missing; DUPLICATE AD-LIB• (MB) - dupl. - one die missing & score sheets; UR ROYAL GAME OF SUMER• (S&R) - dupl.

Called Richard Byrne• & told him that I was sending him VIE•/BLOCKADE•. I'd include a return postcard for him to sign. Told him that I was sure that I could improve the rules for TRI CHEK•. Suggested that I get an advance on a smaller than 5% royalty - then I'd put in as many hrs. as req'd. He'll think abt. it.

Thinking that the 3 and 4 player games of TRI CHEK• might be better if each player was compelled to play next to the pc. just placed by previous player.

Call from sect. at "Seven Towns." Larry Mass•, just too busy to call. Th wk. He'll call next wk.

Saturday 5

Full Moon

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cd. ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION• (Jan. '88). Clipped Matthew Costello's column w. BARBARIAN PRINCE• (Dwarfstar Games/Heritage USA) & PIRATES!• (Microprose Simulations software).

cd. NOST-ALGIA• (#304/Nov. Dec. '87). Sketch of Robin King• @ "Nostvention." Phil Cohen• talks abt. Robin & others; various info on W. Schmitt berger• & his EXTINCTION CHESS• & WILDEBEEST CHESS•. Mike Keller• & Paul Yearout•: speed game of LOA• btw. Phil & Paul; very brief rules for CIRCE CHESS•, COMPROMISE CHESS•, 567-LETTER SECRET WORD•, ALICE CHESS•, EXTINCTION CHESS•. George R. Dekle• discusses CHATURAJA!

cd. letter from Joli Kansil• w. rules for his MEXICAN CHESS• - mention of Michael Keller•.

Filled out the "Geyer-McAllister"/PLAYTHINGS• form. (See 11/28).

Visit fran Lawrence's. No games.

Another idea for a TRI CHEK• variation. 2 players. The 1st starts anywhere on the bottom layer. Each pc. must be orthagonally next to the last placed pc. and on the same layer. When a player cannot play he placed his pc. directly above the last placed pc. and suffers a 1 pt. penalty. Player unable to play on 2nd moves onto the 3rd w. a 2 pt. penalty, 3 pts. for unable to play on 3rd; 4 pts. on 4th. This probably could play w. 3 or 4 also.

6 Sunday

Second Sunday in Advent
St. Nicholas

December 1987

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covered the "sly" mentions in the rules to VIE and added the label to the box. Removed the German BLOCKADE rules.

Call from Don Benge, mainly to prod me to send some games to him so that he can send them to Robert Smith. Told him I'd try, but it might have to wait until he is here for TOY FAIR; actually he is not sure if he will come this coming Feb.; Roger Wilson will be here as his rep. I brought up the STATIONARY SHOW stand-up; Roger told him that he was waiting at a diff. booth.

Call from Felicia, TIMES has article on old-time toys. Told her I'd get it from Dana.

Just a Reminder. Time to Order a National Diary for 1988.

Pearl Harbor bombed 1941

Monday 7
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Letter to Lili Castle (see 11/16), Mentioned Martin Gardner.

Mailed VIE to Richard Byrne ($5.67 total).

Called tel. no. I got from Stephen Sondheim in '70. It is someone else's now.

Called Claude in the hospital. Call from Ann Soucie - Claude will be going home Thurs. I'll call to arrange a visit there. She has a clipping from NEWS on VCR 221B BAKER ST., which she'll save for me.

Call from Larry Mass. He was at the inventors' meeting at Hasbro/M.B.- actually one day for each. He is sure that my not being invited is just an oversight, and that I should tell Mike Meyers to put me on the list; but since it is in Mass. I'm not so sure I want an invite. I asked, and he said there wasn't anything very exciting in their '88 line. "Coleco" will be putting out their MAGIC SPELL, but under a diff. name. Larry did a game called DYNAMITE that "P." is putting out. It is similar to BRIDG-IT, but there is a button to push - when a die face is rolled - that blows up some of the bridges. I asked, and he'll check w. Tom Kremer about ACROSS. He is going on a vacation; he'll call when he gets back to arrange to come here w. my TAKEOVER & NINE OF SWORDS. Also we'll talk & maybe come up w. something else he might handle.

8 Tuesday
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Immaculate Conception
Constitution Day (N.M.I.)
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From Karen Young • rcd. forms to be signed & returned, revising the AAOA • contract to remove foreign language rights. Covering letter.
Rcd. sheet on GALAC-TAC • PBM game from "Lightning Games."
From Eamon Bloomfield • rcd. "Barclays Bank International Money Order" for $319.24 - but in writing out the amt. he wrote "pounds" instead of "dollars."

Call from Bryce Patch • of "Patch Products." Actually it was him who sent me the sheets on PRO FOOTBALL FRANCHISE • (Rohrwood Inc.). He asked, and I told him that I write reviews for GAMES • mag. He said that he'd send me a review copy of PRO FOOTBALL FRANCHISE; they also handle the following: SEMPER FI • - told him I had worked on it & he said "that's where I saw your name"; DICTIONARY DABBLE • - told him not to send it, there are just too many of that type, and he agreed; PRAISE THE LOOT • told him to send it, I mentioned that I recommended them to a co. (and later saw it was the SEMPER FI • people). Took his no. ((608-362-6896)).

In phone conversation Brian asked for copy of SUPERFECTION • . Told him I'd check on whether I have a dupl. - when I get the time.

[Cont. from 12/9] [12/9]

he has been sending me; apologized for not getting to X-WORD • - he'd like to get it, but not desparately urgent. He asked, & I said I'd send him front page of today's TIMES • - re. U.S.-U.S.S.R. treaty.
Call from Rollie Tesh • . Told him abt. call from Joli Kansil • ; they can't get the financing for "Games America" right now, because of the football strike (slowing sales of "Sports Games) and stock market crash. If Joli does pull out they'll probably use TRIAD • . What he originally called about was the proposal to USA TODAY • .

Rcd. bill from "Federal Express" for the SACKSON SQUARES • mat'l. I sent to "Decipher" (see 11/23). Called & spoke to Sophia Rocha • (or may be Lee). Call back for the no. on the slip & they'll take care of it.

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Wednesday 9

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Rcd. "PCB" catalog. THE PENGUIN BOOK OF CARD GAMES• David Parlett• game consultant and noted card game authority, introduces you to the joy of cards. Parlett presents more than 170 games from around the world, with complete instructions on how to play plus fascinating background information. 480 pages-6x9 only $6.98.

Rcd. SPIELBOX• (Nr.5, Okt/Nov '87). Ad for AUF ACHSE• (FX Schmid), Editorial by Wolfgang Huss•, the new publisher. Ad for DER HEXENMEISTER VON FLAMMENDEN BERG (Schmidt Spiele). Article on "Spiel Des Jahres 1987": Winner - AUF ACHSE• (F.X. Schmidt) by Wolfgang Kramer• (his 2nd win); Others - TATORT: NACHTEXPRESS• (Otto Maier), DIE 1. MILLION• (Hexagames), KREML• (Fata Morgana), MARTIM• (Edition Perlhuhn), RESTAURANT• (Big Bad Wolf); SAUERBAUM• (Tranelis), SHARK• (Big Bad Wolf); Most Attractive- TATORT: NACHTEXPRESS• (Jumbo); Best rules- SPION & SPION• (MB); Also listing of games chosen from '79 thru '86 (w. some mistakes, such as giving "Edition Perhuhn" as METROPOLIS• publisher). Ad for KREML• (Das Spiel-the store, not the publisher). Listing of center-fold games since QUADRIGA• in 4/81; mine - FOA• in 3/82, TRANSFORMATION• in 2/85, KRAWALL IM PARADIES• in 3/87, BREAK AWAY• in 4/87. Article on MARTIM• (Edition Perlhuhn). Listing of games reviewed from 4/81 to 5/87 (why these dates?). Article on "Spiel 87", Ad by "Heinz Vogel Verlag" for LASS MEIN KÄNGURUH IN RUH!• & FROSCHKÖNIG•. Ad by "Hugendubel" for GEDULDSPIELE DER WELT• by "Jack Botermans" & Jerry Slocum•. Ad for MOMO• (Hevelier Spiele). Article on VIA BAVARIA•. "Besser Spielen": HASE UND IGEL•; DAS VERRÜCKTE LABYRINTH•. Article on DIE TOUR•. Reviews: KAUFHAUS-KLAU• (KD-Spiele); SHARK• (Flying Turtle Games)-reviewed by Walter Luc Haas•; SPION & SPION• (MB)-by Alexander Randolph•; WAS KOSTET DIE WELT• (Kenner Parker); WHITE LADY• (Franckh). Article on SUFFERIN' SPIRITS!• (3 Wishes). Ad by "dtv": KIMSPIELE•, GOTCHA•- by Martin Gardner•, DENKSPIELE AUF DEM SCHACHBRETT•, WIE SINDBAD SEINEN KOPF VERLOR• by Tom Werneck•; NEUE HIRNVERZWIRNER•; DENKSPIELE AUS DER ZUKUNFT•- by M.G.•; AHA!•- by M.G.; GARTEN DER SPHINX•- by Pierre Berloquin•. ~~Ad for~~ Article on SAMARIS/DER TURM VON OSMA•. Ad for 1000 KM• & HOLLENHAUS• as premiums for subscribers. Back Cover ad by "Ravensburger" for METROPOLIS•, ÖKOLOPOLY•, & SCHÜTZT UNSEREN TEICH!•. Loose catalog for "HABA": KNÖTERICH•, COLORADOS•, CASSE-TÊTE•; KREUZELBRECHER•, QUO VADIS•, GEBROCHENES HERZ•, TANGRAM•; BRAHMA•, TRICKPACK•, DIE ÜBERFAHRT•; KNOBULUS•, TEUFELSKNOTEN•, NUMERICUS•, MATHEMAGIE•; ASALTO•, PACHISI•; SENET•; SOLITAIRE•, HALMA•, KUBIKMÜHLE•; DAME•, QUADROMINO•, MÜHLE•, RADMÜHLE•; KÄMPFENDE SCHLANGE•, KUNGSER•, CLEVERBANK•, BACKGAMMON•; PYRAMIDOLI•, KUGULUS•; GLÜCKSHAUS•.

Call from Phil Orbanes•. He asked if I had an article on MONOPOLY• from SCIENCE DIGEST• mag.; Checked, & I rcd. it on 9/22/85; Told him I'd send a repro. He also asked if I had the article on MONOPOLY• in GAMES•. I'll send the mag. if I have a dupl.- or a repro. He'll send me an article from ATLANTIC CITY PRESS• on MONOPOLY•.

Call from Joli Kansil•. Spoke abt. Rollie Tesh• & "Games America." He has other possibilities for BRIDGETTE• & unless he can get a $5,000 advance on it, he will look into them. Actually he wants to license all of his games to other cos. & get out of the manufacturing end. Thanked him for the games

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To ORT bazaar in White Plains w. BB & Annette Lawrence. Saw TOP SECRET (TSR) - for abt. $3.00 & didn't buy (don't think I have it. Did buy CONDOMONEYUM; THE GAME (ESM Marketing Group) - dupl. ($2.00). Also bought GOLDA'S GAME OF KOSHER KISMETS (Golda's Co.) (Price ?).

Rcd. ROLLOUT (Supremacy Games Inc.).

Rcd. card from Jackie & Herb Siegel - no message. Enclosed card abt. exhibit of their "Antique Games & Toys" at "Fred Wolf, Jr. Gallery" - picture of them on other side.

Letter from David Watts: Eamon Bloomfield; ESSEN SPIELFEST, GAMES DAY (London), WIENER SPIELFEST; Alex Randolph; ACQUIRE, "Schidt"; DAMPFROSS, PIRATEN INSEL; Walter Luc Haas. Form letter on "Games Development Bond": PIRATE ISLAND, RAILWAY RIVALS. Map M - Map SP; BIG STEEL, TANKER, AGRIBUSINESS. Ad sheet: RAILWAY RIVALS; TRANSCLYDE, PIRATE ISLAND, PENINSULAR WAR; ATLANTIC SHIPPER, ATLANTIC AIRLINES, BIG BUSINESS, BIG STEEL, NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION, OIL DISTRIBUTION, IRONMASTER, DESTROYERS AND DREADNAUGHTS, RENTSVILLE, RAILWAY RIVALS, BOOK 1.

Letter from Bill Riva. Just a royalty report on FOCUS (P. of Germany) - probably a dupl.

In letter from David Watts he mentions being a guest of an Austrian game inventor - Gerhard Kedys.

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Indiana Day

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BB typed rules for BREAKTHRU & QUINTO (for Eamon Bloomfield).

Rcd. card from Werner Balzer of "APEX" - no message.

Dana brought me front page from TIMES that Joli Kansil asked for. Also brought me "Under the Tree, in Christmasses Past" article from TIMES of 12/6 that Felicia told me abt. None of the items are games, but kept it (in '87 misc.).

Call from Felicia. She rcd. a present w. no name, but a N.J. postmark. She thought it might be from John Johnson, but I told her he was from Long Island. We figured it must be Olga Sukith.

Visit from Herb Levy & Lynn. He brought copies of the 2 diff. editions of MAZE (Chris Kalivas) - also one was sent to Scott Marley. Gave him the repros of rules & other printed mat'l. for "SPI's" WAR IN THE PACIFIC. We spoke abt. Jack Jaffe; when they were in London they met him at SIGMA, but didn't spend much time w. him. They particularly enjoyed the company of a priest (who must be Rev. Francis Gardom - see 9/23/80). We played THE WALL STREET GAME (American Games) but had to cut it off because it was getting late; counted money at the agreed quitting time (but don't remember who won). Earlier Herb spent a good bit of time looking at my latest acquisitions. Set next date on 1/8/88. Offered my SAVE THE PRESIDENT to Herb (see 12/2) but, when he saw it was signed to me, he didn't take it. He'll use his own. During day, in telephone conversation Brian F. told me he has a puzzle called MAGIC BALL as a present for me.

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Rcd. large bag of stacking markers in 10 colors, from Bill Riva. Covering letter.

Rcd. repros of articles in ATLANTIC CITY PRESS abt. MONOPOLY, w. mentions of Randolph Barton, Charles Darrow, ANTI-MONOPOLY, Lizzie Magie, THE LANDLORD'S GAME; ADVANCE TO BOARDWALK. Note: "Sid, As promised. Phil" Orbaneš.

To visit the Corn's. Gave him [redacted] NUMBER QUEST (Decipher) - dupl. of 7/13. Returned his copy of [redacted] CONCEAL (The Whitich Co.). Jordan there and he, Ronnie, & I played THE WALL STREET GAME. I came from behind to win & the 2 of them fought over whether a bad play by Jordan allowed me to win. Played well, but banker has a lot of work handling the money & filling out the stock certificates. (I think I can simplify this by filling in the Co. names on 4 certificates of ea. Co.). Jordan & I played one game of TRO-GO, quite defensive and he won in the movement phase. (Jordan left after supper.) Ronnie & I played MAZE & he said it was the same game as BARRICADE by "Ravensburger." Since I wasn't sure if I had a copy, I borrowed his to compare them. He showed me abt. 15 min. of LEISURE SUIT LARRY IN THE LAND OF THE LOUNGE LIZARDS (Sierra) - a soft-core porno "adventure"; I wasn't thrilled. He showed me a very little of PRESIDENT ELECT (SSI), which seemed more like work than fun. The 4 of us played BANANA BLITZ; again I came from behind to win. Set our next date on 1/9/88.

At home found a copy of BARRICADE / DAS MALEFIZ-SPIEL that I bought on 8/5/79. There are similarities to MAZE, but they're not exactly the same. [Actually this was tomorrow.]

Last Quarter
Third Sunday in Advent
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Returned Ahoy • change forms to Karen Young • (see 12/8).

Called "Chem Bank" and asked abt. "SEP" (see talk w. Mel Bush • on 11/21). Was told there is only "Keough" & "IRA". Asked abt. the error in the "Money Order" from Eamon Bloomfield • (see 12/8) - it will have to be put in for collection.

Rcd. card from Dan Glimne •. Enclosed "alga 1987-88" catalog: DRAKBORGEN •, UNIVERSUMS HÄRSKARE •; JORDEN RUNT PÅ 80 DAGAR •; FINANS •; MHING •, CATS •, HAREN OCH SKÖLDPADDAN •; TJV OCH POLIS •, SJÖRÖVARÖN •, DEN FÖRSVUNNA DIAMANTEN •; CLUEDO •, TRAVSPELET MED V65 •, RAIL •; SÄTT SPRÄTT PÅ EN MILJOOO,OOO!•; SOLITÄR •, BONDESPELET •, FYRA I RAD •, SHANGHAI RUMMY •, BACKGAMMON •, OTHELLO •, FANTOMEN •, MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE •, YATZY •, DINGO •, TUFFA VIKTOR •, RAGE, UNO •, [redacted] SPORTQUIZ •; RONJA RÖVARDOTTER •; SQUASP!•, MASTERQUIZ (II) •.

Called GAMES • (twice). Told Scott Marley • I liked THE WALL STREET GAME • and also MAZE •, which he rcd. Told him of MAZE • being similar to BARRICADE • no problem, since the latter is not in the U.S. I'm to review THE WALL STREET GAME • - due 1st wk. in '88. MAZE • will probably be for next edition.

Package from Jim Winslow • w. copy of his OVER THE EDGE • (Cvisloid). Letter mentions Tom Braunlich •, NO DICE • (Decipher); POKER•KUB • (Pressman); AHOY •, LINES OF ACTION •, FOCUS •.

Call from "Dollar Bank". The "Hexagames" check for BLOCKADE • royalty (see 7/2 & 7/13) bounced. She'll send me repros of the check.

Called Michael Keller • in evening. (Asked, & after 11½ fine w. him, as it is w. me.) Spoke abt. his visiting here, and I said that half a day was abt. all I could spare; he'll try to arrange to see Bob Abbott • also. For winning the contest I asked for NUMBER PLAY • by Gyles Brandreth •. He said that he'd send it, but I said to wait till he visits. [redacted]

Tuesday 15 December 1987

Bill of Rights Day

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Rcd. WHITE DWARF (95 Nov.). Article on THE FURY OF DRACULA board game. Description of a supplement for WARHAMMER FANTASY ROLEPLAY; one for JUDGE DREDD RPG. Ad for "Chaosium" games, each w/ a list of supplements: CALL OF CTHULHU; ETERNAL CHAMPION; PENDRAGON; ELFQUEST; THIEVES WORLD. "Mail order" ad: WARHAMMER 40,000; BLOCK MANIA; MEGA-MANIA; BLOODBOWL; DEATH ZONE; TALISMAN DUNGEON; CHAOS MARAUDERS; RUNEQUEST III - and other mat'l.; JUDGE DREDD RPG; WHITE WOLF - a STORMBRINGER supplement; CAR WARRIORS (book from "Steve Jackson Games"; MINI CAR WARS; GURPS HORROR; OGRE DE LUXE; JORUNE - "Ardoth" supplement; SPI's; ELIXER. Ad by "Virgin Games Centre" for SUCCESSION WARS & many BATTLETECH items, Part 2 of TO LIVE AND DIE IN MEGA-CITY ONE - an adventure for JUDGE DREDD RPG. Ad for DUNGEONQUEST, which was translated from the Swedish DRAK BORGEN - by "Jacob Bonds" and Dan Glimne. Ad for CHAOS MARAUDERS. Ad for WARHAMMER FANTASY BATTLE, including an adventure. Ad for the book - WARHAMMER 40,000. Ad for THE FURY OF DRACULA. Ad by "Fugitive Games" for BATTLE OF THE HALJI, "The Madcap Laughs" - a STORMBRINGER adventure. Ad by "3 Wishes Ltd." for WEB OF GOLD, ELIXER, S.P.I.'s. Ad for DEATH ZONE - a BLOOD BOWL expansion set. Ad for JUDGE DREDD COMPANION - a book.

Rcd. "Galoob" catalog. Kept only pages w. MR. GAMESHOW and "Wando" - a magic set.

Rcd. cards from "Broderbund" & Mel Bush - no messages.

BBrcd. a big box of candy from Bill Riva.

Made a listing of "Season" cards rcd. & sent last yr.

Rcd. letter from Bill Riva; BAZAAR & "Discovery Toys" - & enclosed repro of letter from "Schmidt" to me abt. it - & letter from "Schmidt" to "Discovery"; FITTING & PROPER; HARE & TORTOISE / HASE UND IGEL; UNDER COVER / HEIMLICH & CO. - w. pictures from GAMES mag.; THE END (Enzio World System) - w. picture; Another repro of Focus royalty report.

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Hanukkah, Feast of Lights

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ABILENE:-3/27,4/27,5/18,10/29
ABOVE & BEYOND [S.S.]:-3/22,5/4,5/7, 5/18, 6/9, 6/11, 6/14, 6/23, 6/29, 7/13
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ACCU-STAT PRO FOOTBALL STRATEGY
ACE OF ACES: FLYING MACHINES:-8/26,9/1
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AFRICAN SAFARI:-12/17
AGAINST THE REICH:-5/8
AGATHA CHRISTIE:-2/13
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AGGRAVATION:-2/9, 6/6, 11/5
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AIGLES, LES:-6/1, 11/27
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AIR FORCE / DAUNTLESS:-9/22
AIRHEAD:-2/11, 2/13, 2/14 6/23, 11/10
AIRLINE [Gamma 2 Games]:-4/3,4/9,
AIRLINE [Mulgara Products]:-7/6
AIR MAIL GAME:-9/10
AIRPLANE EXPRESS:-9/10
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ALAMO, THE:-11/13
ALASKA:-4/3
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ALEXANDER'S STAR:-9/1
ALFONSO'S FOUR HANDED CHESS:-2/14
ALFREDS OTHER GAME:-10/26
ALICE CHESS:-2/14, 12/5
ALICE IN WONDERLAND:-10/27
ALIEN CONFLICT:-4/10
ALIEN GAME:-6/6, 10/10
ALIENS:-3/27, 6/25
ALIGO:-2/9, 2/14
ALL ABOUT TOWN:-10/24
ALLEGIANCE [Don Wilson]:-8/4, 8/5
ALLEGIANCE: GAMES FOR THREE [Meta Co]:-8/4
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AMERICA'S FINEST GOLF GAME:- 12/17
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ANAGRAMS [At London Fair]:- 11/27
ANALYSIS [R.C.]:- 6/6 ⌠12/18, 12/19
ANCHOVY! (THE PIZZA GAME):- 9/12, 10/28, 11/5
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ANGELS & DEVILS [S.S.]:- 4/14
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ARBA MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS BASEBALL:-
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ARBORA/WALDLEBEN:- 2/11, 3/17, 3/27,
ARCADE-AVENTURE:- 6/1
ARCHE DE NOÉ, L':- 11/27
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ARCHIE BUNKER'S CARD GAME:- 4/24
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ARCTIC FRONT:- 4/17
AREA [New Dimensions]:- 3/13
AREAS [Robert Mansfield Co.]:- 4/4
ARE YOU A GENIUS? [B.A. --]:- 2/18
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ARMADA [Condor]:- 4/4 ⌠7/23, 11/27
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	SPORTS ILLUSTRATED GAME:- 4/4			
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LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN THE UNITED STATES

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS IN THE U.S.A. January 1, New Year's Day. January (3rd Monday), King's Birthday. February (3rd Monday), Washington's Birthday. May (last Monday), Memorial Day. July 4, Independence Day. September (1st Monday), Labor Day. October (2nd Monday), Columbus Day. November 11, Veterans' Day. November (4th Thursday), Thanksgiving Day. December 25, Christmas Day.

ALABAMA January (3rd Monday), Robert E. Lee's Birthday. Mardi Gras Day.* April 13, Thomas Jefferson's Birthday. April (4th Monday), Confederate Memorial Day. June (1st Monday), Jefferson Davis' Birthday.

ALASKA February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. March (last Monday), Seward's Day. October 18, Alaska Day.

ARIZONA February (2nd Monday), Lincoln Day. May (2nd Sunday), Mother's Day. June (3rd Sunday), Father's Day. August (1st Sunday), American Family Day.

ARKANSAS January 19, Robert E. Lee's Birthday. December 24, Christmas Eve.

CALIFORNIA February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. September 9, Admission Day.

COLORADO February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. August (1st Monday), Colorado Day. General Election Day (even-numbered years).*

CONNECTICUT February 12, Lincoln Day. Good Friday.*

DELAWARE February (1st Monday), Lincoln's Birthday. Good Friday.* May 30, Memorial Day. General Election Day, (even numbered years).*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA January 20 (every fourth year: 1989, 1993, etc.), Inauguration Day.

FLORIDA January 19, Robert E. Lee's Birthday. February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. February 15, Susan B. Anthony's Birthday. Shrove Tuesday in some counties.* Good Friday, April 2, Pascua Florida Day. April 26, Confederate Memorial Day. June 3, Jefferson Davis' Birthday. General Election Day (every year).* November (Thanksgiving Friday).

GEORGIA January 19, Robert E. Lee's Birthday. April 26, Confederate Memorial Day. June 3, Jefferson Davis' Birthday.

HAWAII March 26, Kuhio Day, Good Friday.* June 11, Kamehameha Day. August (3rd Friday) Admission Day.

IDAHO No additions to Federal list.

ILLINOIS February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. General Election Day (even-numbered years).* November (Thanksgiving Friday).

INDIANA February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. Good Friday.* General Election Day (every year).* December 11, Indiana Day.

IOWA February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. November (Thanksgiving Friday).

KANSAS November (Thanksgiving Friday). December 24 or 26 (floating holiday).

KENTUCKY Good Friday (half day).*

LOUISIANA January 8, Battle of New Orleans, January 19, Robert E. Lee Day. Mardi Gras Day (local holiday).* Good Friday.* June 3, Confederate Memorial Day. August 30, Huey P. Long Day. November 1, All Saints' Day.

MAINE April (3rd Monday) Patriots' Day. May 30, Memorial Day.

MARYLAND February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. March 25, Maryland Day. Good Friday.* May 30, Memorial Day. September 12, Defenders' Day. October 12, Columbus Day. General Election Day (even numbered years).*

MASSACHUSETTS March 17, Evacuation Day (in Suffolk County). April (3rd Monday), Patriots' Day. June 17, Bunker Hill Day (in Suffolk County).

MICHIGAN February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. November (Thanksgiving Friday). December 24, Christmas Eve. December 31, New Year's Eve.

MINNESOTA November (Thanksgiving Friday).

MISSISSIPPI January (3rd Monday), Robert E. Lee's Birthday. April (last Monday), Confederate Memorial Day. June (1st Monday), Jefferson Davis' Birthday.

MISSOURI February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. May 8, Truman's Birthday.

MONTANA February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. General Election Day (every year).*

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LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN THE UNITED STATES (Cont.)

NEBRASKA April 22, Arbor Day.

NEVADA October 31, Nevada Day.

NEW HAMPSHIRE April (4th Monday), Fast Day. May 30, Memorial Day. General Election Day (even-numbered years).*

NEW JERSEY February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. Good Friday.* General Election Day (every year).*

NEW MEXICO February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. May 30, Memorial Day.

NEW YORK February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. June (2nd Sunday), Flag Day. General Election Day (every year).*

NORTH CAROLINA January 19, Robert E. Lee's Birthday. Easter Monday (bank holiday).* April 12, Halifax Day. May 10, Confederate Memorial Day. May 20, Mecklenburg Day. Yom Kippur.* General Election Day (even-numbered years).*

NORTH DAKOTA Good Friday.*

OHIO May 30, Memorial Day.

OKLAHOMA November (Thanksgiving Friday)

OREGON February (1st Monday), Lincoln's Birthday.

PENNSYLVANIA April (4th Tuesday in presidential election years). Primary Election Day. May (3rd Tuesday in other years). Primary Election Day. General Election Day (every year).*

RHODE ISLAND August (2nd Monday), Victory Day.

SOUTH CAROLINA General Election Day (even-numbered years).* November (Thanksgiving Friday). December 26, the Day after Christmas.

SOUTH DAKOTA No additions to Federal list.

TENNESSEE Good Friday.* August (1st Thursday in even-numbered years), Primary Election Day. General Election Day (even-numbered years).*

TEXAS January 19, Confederate Heroes Day, March 2, Texas Independence Day. April 21, San Jacinto Day. June 19, Emancipation Day. August 27, Lyndon B. Johnson's Birthday. General Election Day (every year).* November (Thanksgiving Friday).

UTAH February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, July 24, Pioneer Day.

VERMONT February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, March (1st Tuesday), Town Meeting Day. May 30, Memorial Day. August 16, Bennington Battle Day.

VIRGINIA January (3rd Monday), Lee-Jackson Day. General Election Day (every year).*

WASHINGTON February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. November (Thanksgiving Friday).

WEST VIRGINIA February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. June 20, West Virginia Day.

WISCONSIN September (no fixed date), Primary Election Day. General Election Day (every year).

WYOMING No additions to Federal List.

	Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)	Good Friday	Easter Monday	Yom Kippur	General Election Day
1986	Feb. 11	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Oct. 13	Nov. 4
1987	Mar. 3	Apr. 17	Apr. 20	Oct. 3	Nov. 3
1988	Feb. 16	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Sept. 21	Nov. 8
1989	Feb. 7	Mar. 24	Mar. 27	Oct. 9	Nov. 7
1990	Feb. 27	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Sept. 29	Nov. 6
1991	Feb. 12	Mar. 29	Apr. 1	Sept. 18	Nov. 5
1992	Mar. 3	Apr. 17	Apr. 20	Oct. 7	Nov. 3
1993	Feb. 23	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Sept. 25	Nov. 2
1994	Feb. 15	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Sept. 15	Nov. 8
1995	Feb. 28	Apr. 14	Apr. 17	Oct. 4	Nov. 7
1996	Feb. 20	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Sept. 23	Nov. 5

1988

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