

Dear Mr. Brown,

Glad to hear that your body is not amoulderin' in the grave, even while your soul goes marching on.

(Your letter to me at DNA hq over in San Fran took a while to get forwarded here; hence the delay in answering...)

I don't have a complete MS. of ILLUMINATUS!, the 1400-page novel about which you enquired, but the galleys will be arriving from Dell very soon now, since the monsterpiece is scheduled for publication in 3 volumes as of Sept 15, Oct 15 and Nov 15. I'll arrange to get a second set of galleys for you.

Meanwhile, you might find some fun in the enclosed. The Breast book is (of course) a pot-boiler, the very idea devised by the publishers and not by me, but looking at it 2 years later (the complimentary authors' copies just arrived yesterday) I am not ashamed of it at all. Not only is it amusing, but it's full of odd and interesting information on matters psychological, anthropological, historical and ~~xxx~~ occult. I wrote it, oddly enough, in about 3 weeks in January 1973 and your kidnapping in Afghanistan happened just about as I was finishing it up.

Keeping that dating in mind, you might be amazed at how many of the ideas currently agitating us are foreshadowed in the context of this basically trivial joke book...

The second enclosure, an intro to Crowley, is due for publication this Fall from Revisionist Press in Brooklyn, maybe right in the ~~xxx~~ middle of the ILLUMINATUS! volumes. I think you will find much of this quite provocative of new perspectives.

A biologist at UC-Berkeley, Paul Segal, has just about ~~the~~ completed ~~the~~ the academic-scientific rituals connected with his ~~Ph~~ Ph.D. and will very soon be able to communicate with the media about his work without violating protocol. I have an interview with him, ready for release when he gives the word, explaining how much his work on longevity is influenced by your own research. Paul definitely seems to have the key to control of aging in rats and amino acids are indeed the central factor as predicted in Terra II.

Jacques Vallee, the UFO researcher, will be meeting with me in a few days to discuss possible links between your work and his. His new book, The Invisible College, due out this Winter, is another attempt to prove constant intervention of Higher Intelligence in human history... BUT he does not think it is interstellar. He thinks that the ~~xxxx~~ religious myths of the past and the ~~xxxx~~ sci-fi "explanations" of the present are both wrong.

According to the Barb's paraphrase of Kesey's paraphrase of your last letter to him, you are currently giving up the interstellar theory of Higher Intelligence? I have changed My theory several times, also, but there is something there more than our nervous systems... maybe the synergetic product of nervous systems hooked up on circuit six...

Bob Wilson