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Dear Bernice & Jack;

This old one is a big brother to a young boy. The boy saves canceled stamps with the postmark circle. I try and get and use New stamps and ask my friends to cut them off the envelope and return the next time they write. Will you be so kind as to help out? You may also get new stamps on other mail as well.

I started the boy out with stamps from old letters of mine dated more than fifty years ago. These included foreign as well as U.S. stamps. He has a very good collection as of now.

You did not need to apologize. You are forgiven. It was my fault. Ego, I guess. I just assume all in the fraternity know me. This, even though I have not written them.

Doc is really all you say. I like him. Next time I see or write him I will give him your thoughts. Am worried as Doc has been very depressed lately. His claim is up for patent and he does not seem to get it done due to the Forest Service and BLM.

First off. The books. Will leave off one by Oren Arnold as it contains nothing new. Just repeat of same old Bull and lies.

1. Robert Blair, "Tales of the Superstitions: The Origins of the Lost Dutchman Legend". Paperback \$4.95 plus 35¢ postage. Hardback, \$8.95 plus 35¢. Order from: AZ Historical Foundation, ASU, Tempe, AZ. 85281. (The Foundation gets all the money from it's sale)

2. Harry Black, "The Lost Dutchman Mine: A Short Story of a Tall Tale". Hardback: \$7.95 plus 35¢ postage. Order from Harry Black, 7406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond, IN. 46324.

3. Robert E. Lee, "The Lost Dutchman Mine, and how the documentary movie of this story was made". Dick Martin Co., Inc, 3784 30th St., San Diego, CA. 92104. (Home of San Diego Coin Exchange).

NOTE: Tell all three I sent you and ASK for an autographed copy.

Lee put out a new LDM movie. If it comes to your area go and see it. The people who attended the movie shown at Apache Junction during the last Dutchman Days liked the movie and said so. This inspite of the fact it is the same old bull. His book does have some new material in it on Jacob Waltz. His character was WALTZ.

4. John D. Wilburn, "Riddle of the Lost Dutchamn Mine". Small paperback at \$1.50. Order from Gold Mine Bookstore, Apache Junction, AZ. 85220.

5. Robert L. Garman, "Mystery ~~of~~ Gold of the Superstitions", small paper back, \$3.00 at Gold Mine Bookstore. (I have not bought this one yet. It is very poor.)

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Black's and Blair's books should be on the second shelf below Dobie, and above all the rest of the idiot authors. Even though there is no change in the bull. They both say that there aint no LD Mine. I tried to get Black to leave it open as I am going to prove there was, and tell where it is. I gave a talk at the Arizona Museum in PHX a year ago and told of finding the mine of Jacob Waltz. Those present all believed me. At the end of talk when questions were invited no one had any questions to ask or anything they wanted cleared up. I asked why and they in one big chorus said I left nothing out. They then all stood up and clapped loud and long.

So much for the books and the LDM. Also for Jacob Waltz's mine. The two are not the same thing at all. This the audience bought. Later I received a full page write up in the AZ Republic on the talk. A very good one.

Blair and Bert Fireman had made a talk at the Heard Museum just two days before I made my talk. I blew their thing so badly that Bert Fireman refused to put his name on the Blair book as Edited by Bert Fireman. Even so, Bert did edit the book and the book shows it. It has a historian's touch and faults. Thus it skipped being a scholarly work. Bert agreed with my review of the book down to the last word.

So much for LDM books.

Thank you for the long enlightening letter. You really went all out. I really appreciate ~~What~~ you did. Will appreciate anything else you may find and send to me later.

Now as to the why of my sudden interest in the Stone Maps, and why I did not contact you earlier. Joe or Pat Wagner would have given me your address. I have gotten many other addresses from them for the asking.

I saw and read the 1964 Life article. I almost fell out of my chair and remarked to my family: "Some people are deaf, blind and dumb! Very stupid no less!"

Later I obtained Mitch's book and your articles. Later still I obtained pictures of the stones, minus the tapes, and examined them carefully. My first analysis of them from the Life article has not changed one iota

By the by. Father Bona Venture is a FRANCISCAN priest. I hope to talk to him later as he is in PHX now teaching school.

When doing research it is the small unnoticed things that count many times. Legends, myths, etc., contain small things in them that most, if not all, ignore. It is these things that unravel or lead to the unraveling of the mystery. This is the secret of my success in finding things. I am a researcher for FACTS and TRUTHS.

I would like to have your thoughts on both Blair's and Black's book, after you read them.

I guess, but you did not say, that the Mitchell's are Catholics. John D. Mitchell and family are Catholics also. John D's wife is Spanish, NOT MEXICAN, and children were light, not dark. Age of Clarence would fit John D's eldest son. A tall man. Same height as myself. This is thinking out loud.

The reason everyone is running scared is due to Love, Peck and many of the others who were kicked out of Moell, Inc. Where gold or the possibility of gold exists the jackals snarl and threaten if they do not get their share. It never dawns on them that they have been conned because of their GREED for gold. Nor will they admit that there may not be any gold. They believe in the Billions the legends talk about. They never believe that there may be only a few thousand in the vein.

Mitch and Grace were "true believers" in something that never existed in the Sups. All rabid LDM fans are the same. They all think they are going to find the gold because God meant it for them, and them only. The "golden light, or dream" drove all old prospectors and searchers on and on. Such is truly a CURSE! It is the curse of the LDM and all other lost mines and treasures.

You tried to destroy that in Mitch and he bugged off because of that. Or that is my opinion. Do you agree now? I gathered this from your own words in your letter. Even my E.S.P. agrees.

I will skip the speech defect at the moment. It could be from an injury he might have sustained but never mentioned to you. If he is dead at 65 the possibility is that such an injury might have had something to do with that.

I would like a photo of him if you can spare it. I know two people who might recognize him. They are in Chandler where the Mitchells lived. John D's wife is still there. I think.

Also would like the name and address of the man in PHX who has the stone map with the "burro" headed down a mountain trail on it.

On the Quad map. More believed you than you think. Only the rabid, small percent, of "true believers" will not buy the non existence of the mine in the Sups, etc., etc. Due to them the Legend will never die.

The Florence Quad Map was the only one available in the 30's. I had one then. It still may be among my stuff. Have just moved into the house here in PHX and have not gotten my material all out of the boxes and trunks in which it was brought here in. I do have a large room that I am turning into an office and library. Several months will go by before I get it done and things under control.

I did look through my Dutchman notes of the 1930's. I found a note to go see and talk to Jack Tomlinson at the Service Station and cabins at Florence Junction. I did not go. Too bad I didn't. It is the same person as Tumlinson. I never connected him with "Peg Leg" or Travis. I pulled a boo boo! It does confirm where he was during those years. We already know why.

Will knock this off and write another letter a bit later with a new stamp on it. Will answer all the things in your letter from my files.

Your grateful friend,

Milton. *Milton*

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9 March 1976.

Dear Bernice & Jack:

Here I am again. Have read and re-read your letter many times. I hope I am answering all that you put into it.

Now to the story of or on the Stone Maps. I did not wish to interfere with you, if you were going to do something more on them. This was my first concern.

I have no deadline as yet. Until I unravel the mystery I will hold off using the story. I am going to place the two original stones, before they were altered, into another and different story. I think I know the name of the Spanish family involved. The other story is the one they actually belonged to. The thing Jack Tumlinson, et al, could not find by use of them.

Do you know which county in Texas was the home of the Tumlinsons? If I knew this I can trace them through the Census. There was a Texan in Arizona during the years 1890 to 1895. His name, for sure, I have not been able to get. He spent five years looking for what Jack Tumlinson came to seek. I think this man was a brother to Travis. He was an old man in the 1890's. My Pima Friends did not know what his name was. The Pimas kept track of him but never went near him. I know the name of the Spanish family from the Pimas and from the Spanish boy in my long story, "I Found A Lost Mine". The numbers Mitch quotes are the Magic numbers here. Even the number 18 which I will mention later.

I am committed to finish my book which will contain the complete story, truth and facts, on Jacob Waltz, first. Second, I have also committed myself to a full story on how I found the Lost Tayopa in the Sierra Madres of Mexico. These before I can put out the full story on what the Stone Maps, the two original ones, were to.

It seems as though Texans were involved in all of the stories. Joe Small read my story on Tayopa and advised me to wait until a lot of people, all Texans, were dead before I put it out. It seems Joe knew a lot of the names I mentioned.

"Peg Leg" Tumlinson and one of his sons, or just a son obtained, the two original stones from a Spanish family in Texas or Mexico. I think Texas first and then more material from Mexico. They also knew about the "Witch" symbol from the Spanish family. The "Witch" is in an old book in Spanish. It is a reproduction of a painting, Circa 1600's, in the Art Archives in Mexico City. The "Witch" was a part of some material they had besides the two stones.

Jack looked for what was depicted on the two stones for many years. From sometime in the 1930's until World War II broke out. Then he went to Washington. This because jobs at good pay were available there and in Oregon.

Jack's base of operation was the old Service Station and Cabins at Florence Junction in the 30's. Before he left he had the "Witch-Horse" stone carved and the heart in the No. 3 stone, and a new heart out of Quartzite to fit the whole. The heart date, etc., was put in the whole. Numerals were added to the bad side of the Quartzite heart and the original lines of stone No. 3 were carved on the good side of the heart stone. He also added the numerals, Pedro, and the very atrocious, southern style Spanish to the No. 1 stone. (There are legends about the stones being carved in an old garage near Apache Junction. This from Doc.) (Later from others). *Love may know about this.*

Jack also made all of the clues, that Mitch found, before he left the area. Mitch received the stones and a bunch of material from Jack's 14 year old daughter. Bought I should have said. Mitch did not turn this over to the Moell, Inc. This he still had and asked you for money to help him continue to look. You didn't bite! (My remarks on why he bugged out.)

The original date that Jack was supposed to have found the stones is 1939, not 1949. The Oren Arnold stories, the Don's Club Treks, Barry Storm and others influenced Jack to make the Stones fit the Peralta and Jesuit treasure legends. He saw a chance to make a very good profit. It was no go. Then the War came and he went to WA. Later, 1948 or 1949 he moved to Idaho. Why I do not know. (Don's Club evades questions about the Stone Maps being offered to them. Stories are out and it must be true.)

In WA Jack was in the Wenatchee area. He knew Kriewald, Calhoun and others. These men knew about the stones and were in the notes from Jack that Mitch received. Later Mitch set up the Moell, Inc. with those two named, a Vernon Dale Edwards of Miami and some people in Carson City.

Jack died in Idaho in 1952. His wife moved to Oregon where she died in 1955, or three years later. (This from several sources). How Mitch became acquainted with them I do not know. Only he or Grace can tell. I only know what took place later. After 1955. You might be able to fill the gap for me. Or it may be only Mitch or Grace can now. Even if Mitch is dead, Grace must be around somewhere. Even *Mitch's Daughter* Carol might be able to fill in the gap as she was around as well.

Many have promised to give me some material on the Tumlinsons, on Mitch and the stones. So far none have come through, except you. I may yet find an "Owl-Hooter" who knows and will come through. They are a tight lipped bunch and one must be a trusted member before they will talk. I belong to that fraternity as well.

The existence of homemade photos of the Stone maps does not surprise me at all. A lot of people have seen the stones and so could tell if one can only find them. Mostly without the tapes and as they originally were.

One tape on the No. 1 stone has spoiled part of the carving. This because the stone is soft and the tape being removed and replaced has pulled the sand grains with it. I doubt that the thing depicted is worth anything but it is now too late to know.

Jack not only had the Quad map but also had an old Spanish map or maps to go by. The 18 places is a magic number. Very few, if any noticed this. It fits both the old map and the Quad map. A coincidence only but, it was a convenient one for Jack as it turned out.

Note: At one point in your letter I smiled. All four of you were at the 18th place at the same time. Rather ironical. No!

Richard Peck or Phil Leaseman of Stockdale, TX might know a lot of answers. Would Leaseman answer letters or did you try him? Peck I will stay away from for awhile yet. Perhaps Doc will give me some answers on him.

I may or may not take up Peck and helicopter with you later. The two are not unknown to me. He has been trying to spy on me for a long time. Little good it does him. I no longer go into the Mts. Will attempt to contact Elbert Love. Rumor stories give another name for him. The man who ran from me also lives in Tucson. Am sure the two are connected.

Will get off a letter on Rainbow Valley, CA. It will be in CA Place names book.

Grace meant she, Carol, bought the trailer in Rialto. Several men from Rialto were on the board of Moell, Inc. Thus the Mitchells were well known there.

was in 29 Palms last November. Too bad I didn't know Carol was there. I could have found her easily. If Mitch is dead Grace may be there as well. I was on the radio there two days. Thus my name is known there. This could be a help or hindrance in case I go back this year.

Do you have a record player? If so you may like a record I have. This is the reason I was on the radio there. More later on this.

Have rambled a bit. But think I have covered the stones and the Tumlinsons. I imagine Janie is now married and few would remember that she is a Tumlinson. Or did he go underground under an assumed name? And she, Janie, also used it? Common practice when one wishes to be anonymous.

I called several people who were on the Moell, Inc. board and came up with some information. Some of it on Cochrane. John W. Smith, a kinsman of Cochrane's, told me he was untrustworthy as hell. Also that he thinks the Stones have been removed from the Flagg Museum to a Bank at Apache Junction. Will check it out in the morning. ^{to} Paused and made a phone call. The Stone Maps have been moved ~~the~~ a Bank at Apache Junction. The 1st. National, ^{the} y thought. Will call and find out for sure tomorrow.

Will quit this and start another letter tomorrow night. Will give you the run down on the Moell, Inc.

You might get off a letter to: Harriet Emery, 47515 Rainbow Canyon Rd., Fallbrook, CA. No zip. This is the Emery Mitch and Grace talked about. This may also be the Rainbow Valley.

Best regards to both,

Milton
Milton.