

Basic Detail Report

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GUESS...

GOT YOUR LETTER AND IT CAME IN LIKE A BIG OLD SMILE FULL OF CROOKED TEETH...AND I AGREE WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL AMERICAN COUNTRY...IT IS FULL OF THE MOST ABSOLUTE SHIT AT THE TOP AND NOT EVEN A DAMN SMALL PFM AROUND ON THE SIDES. EVERYBODY LIVES IN THIS BIG SQUIDEN CIRCLE AROUND BRIP CASH FULL OF PUKE...AND CANTER IS HER PERFECT ~~XXXXX~~ DO-MOWING MUSE.

I DON'T LIKE IT AND I'M GETTING READY TO MOVE BACK TO TEXAS AS SOON AS I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET ENOUGH GAS WITHOUT CRAWLING IT (BUT I'M NOT ABOVE STRAINT DOME SOME STREET PARKED CADILLAC...THE MODEL, OLD ONES USUALLY BELONG TO THE KIND OF PEOPLE I LIKE...AND DRINKIN FROM A HOSE) NOT THAT TEXAS IS ANY DIFFERENT...IN FACT, IT'S PROBABLY A LOT WORSE...BUT, I KNOW A LOT OF SKEWER PLACES BACK THERE AND IF I HAVE TO GET CRAFTED IN THE MAINBASS...I WANT TO KNOW THE TERRAIN (THE WORLD ENDED OUT HERE ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO...IT WAS JUST TOO SLOW FOR ANYBODY TO KNOW IT...SAY IT COULDNT BET KISSER IS GETTING)...SO I'M READY TO HAUL OUT...HEAD FOR SOME FLAT HIGHWAYS AND BAH-RE-GUN, GOOD WORKER WITH HARD HEARTS, HIGH HAIR AND THIN LIPS (MY NOIRIA WAS BORN IN A DUG-OUT...TWICE)

HOW DID YOUR VISIT WITH YOUR BOY IN SAN ANTONIO GO? DID YOU MAKE IT TO DUBOCK? I HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD TIME AND DIDN'T RUN INTO ANY OF THE COUNTRY CLOUTED WHITE SCREES IN PLATINITY ~~XX~~ ASSHOLES (THEY MOSTLY RUN THE BANKS AND LARGER GUNS IN WEST TEXAS...IN SOUTH TEXAS THEY RUN ALL THE POOR PEOPLE INTO THEIR GRAVES AND THEN CHARGE THEM RENT).

I JUST GOT BACK FROM DETROIT AND THEY DO THE SAME THING THERE...WHAT A TOWN. RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOUSE WE WERE IN, A VAN WAS FOUND FULL OF THREE BODIES THAT ~~WAS~~ BE-HEADED...LATER, THEY FOUND THE HEADS ON FURTHER DOWN THE STREET IN THE TRUNK OF AN OLD PLYMOUTH. COPS SAID IT WAS EITHER DOPS OR THE TRADE VILIONS...MAYBE BOTH (GROSS POINT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE CALLED THAT FOR NOTHING)...I WAS REAL GLAD TO GET BACK TO FRESHOTA.

JO HARVEY (YOU CALLED HER SUZY IN YOUR LETTER, BUT HER NAME IS A WHOLE LOT NEARER THAN THAT) SAID SHE HAD A GOOD TIME MEETING YOU WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO GET RACCOONS OUT OF HER COFFIN'S CAR ENGINE (WOMEN ARE STRANGE, NOW IF IT WAS ME I'D GOING AROUND IN THAT ENGINE SHE'D HAVE CURSED THE WHOLE THING...ACCUSED ME OF HARMING THE CUTE LITTLE CRITTERS...SHE'S A CRAZY WOMAN THOUGH...HONKLEGET ON THE HOOD AND WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE TWOYE YEARS OLD AND BETWEEN US HAVE BROKEN EVERY WINDOW IN EVERY HOUSE WE EVER LIVED IN...NEVER HIT EACH OTHER ONCE THOUGH...AND OUR KIDS ~~ARE~~ TERRIFIC LITTLE DICKERS BECAUSE OF IT...)

SO IF YOU ARE EVER STRANDED OR JUST PASSIN THROUGH OR EVEN JUST GETTING CLOSE TO THE CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND...LET US KNOW AND WE PROMISE GOOD MUSIC, CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, A PALLLET IN THE BACKROOM WITH SINGING BIRDS OUTSIDE OR STICKS, TWO FINE ONE-EYED DOGS AND LOTS OF WELCOME TO YOU BOTH...UNLESS BY THEN WE HAVE MOVED, AND IN THAT CASE THE SAME GOES WHEREVER THAT IS.

I'M REAL HAPPY YOU LIKED THE ALBUM AND HOPE YOU GET A RECORD PLAYER OR TAPE RECORDER SOON. MUSIC IS REAL IMPORTANT TO EVERYTHING AND YOU CAN PICK OR CHOOSE. I HOPE TO STARE ON ANOTHER ONE AS SOON AS I CAN GET THIS ONE PAID FOR. IT'S A SLOW RATTLE RIGHT NOW, BUT GRADUALLY A FEM PEOPLE SEEM TO BE HEARING IT...ENOUGH SO THAT WE'RE GETTING READY TO PRESS OUR SECOND THOUSAND. DID I EVER SEND YOU MY FIRST RECORD, JUAREZ? IF NOT LET ME KNOW...DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE IT OR WHAT...BUT WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE IT...AND IF YOU GET ~~XXXXX~~ EVEN A SMALL TAPE MACHINE I'LL SEND YOU A TAPE OF IT. OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD I CAN THINK OF...YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME MUSIC WHIRLING AROUND YOU...NOT THE RADIO BULLSHIT...BUT THE PICK AND

letter

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Primary Maker
Terry Allen

Medium
Typed and handwritten letter

Description
Allen wants to leave California to go back home to Texas. Mentions Jo Harvey [wife]. He is glad HCW enjoyed his album—has he ever sent him a copy of his first record Juarez? Extends an invitation to HCW and Joanna to stay with him. Jo Harvey said to let HCW know how much she liked the show in San Francisco. [no envelope]