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Al to SH re Rose's registration card at Julien Friez & Sons - Baltimore, 1942:

This recently came out of no where. Cecy said she found it in an envelope in a box of stuff she happened to look through.

The back is blank except for a name that is printed on a side of the card in faint pencil, in someone else's handwriting.

The name is Day Stroterhoff- not anyone I've come across.

Google search: "A maker and supplier of meteorological instruments from Baltimore, Maryland. Julien P. Friez (father) founded the company in 1876, which was also known as the Belfort Instrument Co. There was also a meteorological observatory in Baltimore. In the early 1900s, the company was known as Julien P. Friez & Sons. In 1929, the company was acquired by Consolidated Instrument Co. of America. In the late 1940, one of the sons founded the Instruments Corp, and was renamed in 1949 the Belfort Instrument Co., still in existence today."

Email April 9, 2012

From Al to SH:

A couple side projects I'm looking into. Tried to get the arrest warrant for Rose on the shootout with locals out at the farm. The local county has no records and referred me to the state police archives in Charleston, who told me the records are sealed and I would need a court order, so dead end. But have had some success with the newspaper archives to find the original story and a couple related stories on Rose at the time, and have asked Cecy to scan them, so will send them to you and Kathie Rose, who I questioned about what she remembered. A 17 year old boy, a passenger in one of the cars, was shot through a lung and obviously lived. Kathie's mother apparently was working as a nurse at Reynolds Hospital in Glendale when the boy was brought in, according to Kathie. It appears the charges were eventually dropped though I looked for hours at newspaper microfilm days and weeks after the shootings and could find no story on any hearing when it became old news.

There is another project that I looked into late last year when I was doing research on rose's early group that resulted from his letter to the San Francisco Oracle. A fellow named Donn Townsend a.k.a. "the Speedfreak" left a series of autobiographical rambling journals of his stay out at the farm that Rose retrieved when he left. Donn documents his drug use and homosexual exploits with Keith Ham a.k.a. Swami Kirtananda, along with his account of the shootout. In addition, Rose kept the original series of letters between him and Donn who was living in San Francisco when Donn wrote Rose about the Oracle letter. Donn includes the names of people who showed up the summer of 1968 and were constantly coming and going, never staying long, but stayed long enough to do drugs with him under Rose's nose.

But cannot find the original Oracle letter of late 1967 nor the 1956 Fate magazine letter that Rose placed seeking contacts. It would be interesting to find a way of viewing these archival issues to root out Rose's letters, I think, to the editor.

Cecy has all this other stuff so am going to ask to borrow again and see what can be done with it. There's hours and hours of research in Townsend's confusing and rambling drug/hippie/talk I don't have time for right now.

In addition, there is about 6 chapters of a book Rose started to write on the Krishnas but didn't finish. No time line-just a rough draft he worked at. In the first chapter he talks about the early attendees to the farm which included Keith Ham and Howard Wheeler pre-Krishna days, which is interesting. The rest deals with Rose's history of conflict with them.

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