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I am probably sticking my foot in where it isn't needed. However, things are languishing. There has been no MENELTARMA for quite some time, and even when there was, I felt we weren't getting anywhere. This was because of apparent lack of response. Example: Len says he sent issue #2 to Jeff Key three times and got no answer. Jeff says he didn't get a single copy. I don't know how that adds up, but the result is that the PDRC has lost the momentum it had earlier this year. I do not blame Len; I do not blame anybody. I don't want to see this continue, regardless of what may have occasioned it.

Len is busy, as we all know, with the IDA Publisher's Handbook. After that is done, he will be busy with the IDA Treasury...unless I badly mis-guess the results of the upcoming election. Rather than let things languish any further, however, I have decided to step in temporarily.

I want it understood that I consider Len to be Chairman of the PDRC. I am not trying to take over his job or suggest he's not doing it properly. I am merely taking action that I deem necessary on an interim basis. If the other members agree with me, fine--then we may proceed. If not, also fine, and I'll shut up. Either way, no harm done.

Len has suggested, in LIAISONS DANGEREUSES, that if he is elected IDA Treasurer, he'll resign his post as PDRC Chairman. He recommends Peter Berggren as his replacement. I believe that is a good suggestion...although at the same time let me note that I may seek the position myself if I can work it into my schedule. In any event, Peter has not yet become a member of the PDRC, so the proposal is for the moment academic. Also, Len hasn't resigned yet.

On Len's behalf, then, I would like to get some of our business moving along. There seem to be several items which need our consideration:

1. Clarifying which completed games are in the SRB, which are not in the SRB, and which are at this time questionable.
2. Clarifying the SRB's criteria beyond the single criterion we have worked up regarding "local" games.
3. Taking up any Constitutional amendments which the members may wish to propose.
4. Determining whether there are any persons in the hobby who qualify for membership.
5. Setting a deadline by which we must determine whether Jeff Key is or is not a member.
6. Settling what relationship this body may have with the BNC.
7. Finalizing what the SRB may or may not be beyond a theoretical ideal and standard of comparison.

I am sending this to Len, Walt, Doug, the two Jeffs, and Peter (for info purposes). Would each of you do me a favor? Check over EVERYTHINGS 20, 21, 22, & 23. I assume that you rate all games which Doug says are "regular" and do not rate those he indicates are "irregular". If there are exceptions to that statement, would you send me a list of them and the reason(s) they are exceptions? I'd like this list by Friday, 7 November 1975, if at all possible. At that time also indicate items of business, amendments, possible new members, &c., you wish discussed.

LAPUTA #18 will contain a read-out of the SRB/23 as I understand it, and will request any corrections. Have a happy Hallowe'en.