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Greetings and welcome to Mensa #12. We now have a full slate of ...um...victims?...so the first order of business is to put names in a hat and see who's stuck with what country. Here 'tis:

AUSTRIA: Sharon R. Lewis, 216 Huntley Rd., Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

ENGLAND: Charles Byrne III, 2229 Southgate Sq., Reston, Va. 22091

FRANCE: Peter J. Gaughan, 12024 Penford Dr., La Mirada, Ca. 94564

GERMANY: Richard Young, 1028 Fairview, Alma, Mich. 48801

ITALY: Darryl Phillips, 623 Weeks Ave., Superior, Wis. 54880

RUSSIA: Joseph Marshall, Staff Sgt., Box 902, APO New York 09109

TURKEY: Dan R. Wilson, 268955, B-2-3-11, Wynne Unit,  
Huntsville, Texas, 77340

NOTE: I've been informed that Dan Wilson's mail must be in envelopes.  
Post card writers take note!

FEES: Postal rates are putting me in the poorhouse. So, I think \$2.00 US as game fee to cover some of my expenses is fair enough (standbys half price). You can pay with cheques, money orders, stamps (seriously, I could use some), whatever. Please send your fee with your first set of orders.

DEADLINES, MAIL, TELEPHONES: Given deadlines are always for mail. If you want to phone (though I don't encourage it), it's assumed the deadline will be 10 pm the night before the mail deadline. If you do call, do not, under pain of expulsion, call between 10pm and 10 am --ever! If I'm not home, my wife can write down your orders, but she doesn't play the game and so will just write exactly what you say. If confusion results, don't blame me! It takes four to five days for mail to get here from anywhere in the US (I don't know about armed forces mail though). It's never taken longer than six days and sometimes it's delivered within 48 hours. So, play safe, mail your orders at least a full week before the deadline.

To make up for time lost in the mails, I intend setting the deadlines on Fridays whenever possible, so the game results can be mailed to you Monday, Tuesday at the latest. So, I'll have to be an absolute son of a bitch about NMRs to keep the game moving.

I'd like to set four week deadlines (rather than monthly, there's a slight difference), so we can play with dates a bit to avoid Christmas mailing problems, etc. To give you time to get acquainted, the deadline for spring, 1901 is a bit longer. It's Friday, September 12.

I could write pages of houserules, but, why bore you? If you miss a deadline I'll call for a standby. Miss two and you're out. Any attempt to fool the GM will be relayed to all other GMs. But that sort of thing should never come up. Please keep your press releases reasonably short (I have to re-type them!)

Well, sharpen your knives, and let's have fun!