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Dear Jerry,

For days now I've been thinking about writing to you, but could never quite decide what to say. I suppose our last conversation has remained with me. I suppose I've been concerned. The other day Gray and Tommy were questioned about their relationship with you. I'm afraid I don't have the details, but it appears that the Church is looking into some of your former friends. They haven't spoken to me, possibly because they're afraid of upsetting one of their "celebrities." Yes, there are moments when I think I can understand exactly how you feel.

Apart from all that, however, things are good, quite; I'm about to start a new book. The White Mandarin will be published on June 30. I'll be sure and get you a copy. As for the Church I don't what what's going on really. There's a lot of talk about changes, but what else is new? One day perhaps there will be a clear seperation between politics and the technology. Although it seems that this is not that day. This much, however, seems clear to me: if I am supposed to have been given total freedom then I can certainly write a letter like this to you. Or am I wrong?

Now as for the point of all this, I suppose I just wanted to tell you that I'm here, that I'd be happy to talk to you whenever, and that I really don't agree that you're an "SP" or whatever they call their enemies these days. Perhaps I'm saying all this as much for you as for me, in that I once had a girlfriend who was expelled, and I failed to support her through the whole nightmare. So call it amends to myself. I just want you to know that I don't give a shit what your label is now. If you want to call, call. If you want to write write. Don't feel that you have to "acknowledge" this letter. Just know that I'm here.

Sincerely your friend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly 'Tommy' or similar, written over a large, loopy flourish.

PS. Mandarin has been getting fantastic reviews, plus a Literary Guild Honor. Pretty good for a guy who's connected with an SP, huh?