THIS IS A RECREATION OF THE LETTER THAT I SENT. I DID NOT COPY THE ORIGINAL BUT AM PUTTING THIS TOGETHER FROM MEMORY. 5/8/84 DWS

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~4/14/84

Will the real Donald Smeller please stand up!

For the past 20 years wherever I have travelled I have looked in phone books for my name. Recently while vacationing in Hawaii not only did I find "Smeller" but "Donald Smeller." My name is Donald W Smeller, and your listing of Donald P Smeller can have only a few possible explanations.

☐ You are the son of one of the cousins. When Ethel and Francis Schmeller got off the boat in New York their name was changed to Smeller through some typographical joke. They had 3 sons Otto, Louis and Lloyd, Otto changed his name to Sheller (he couldn't take it, I guess). I am of Lloyd's issue and have that side covered. So you have to be from Louis somehow.

☐ You are the illigitamate son of George the Peace Corps Smeller who travelled about before he settled down.

☐ You are nuts and enjoy the notoriety of having a weird name

☐ You stole my name and are using it for some illegal purpose.

☐ Ma Bell screwed up again.

_____ check one and respond by return post — Nice to know you, Don

4/20/84

Athough it is difficult to write

Standing up, I am a real DONALD SMELLER. I don't know how much you paid to have my name card made with the phony address and the wrong middle initial, you are forgiven.

a Smeller attacking a Smeller However is unforgivable!

Looking over your obviously professionally written letter my entire family is suspect of fraud. They are all boys and again obviously named SMELLER - (DANIEL - PATRICK & CURTIS).

Now - to address your possibilities:

#1. The typographical joke seems most reasonable - all of the SMELLER's in NEW YORK (BUFFALO) - Agree. New → OTTO, Louis & Floyd sound good. We shot down otto however.

#2. Your 2nd Peace-Corps Smeller gained support here. We like George! Why did he settle down?

#3. The NUTS Theory was blown away in grade school for me and hard to defend with my 18, 17, & 13 year olds.

#4 ~~Your~~ YOUR Stole Theory will be addressed by my attorney's: SHELLER-SHELLER & SHELLER—

#5. MA-Bell, despite popular Belief, is alive and well & would ~~n~~ never screw up the phone Book— your account maybe?

Now That we've taken care of that — There is another DONALD Smeller ~~a~~ in the U.S.A.F. He's my dead brothers son. He's probably the best to Stand up ⊗ There are also Daniel, Patrick, Curtis, Ronald and an assortment of SMELLER's in N.Y. There's a Ship Captain named Richard Smeller and a Joseph Smeller in Buffalo — All Related to me.

Little is Known of our family Except according to my birth Certificate (Father) he was born in North Tonawanda NY in 1898. He died in 1962. However, he was a good producer of SMELLER's with Two ~~wf~~ wives. The first produced Joseph Jr, Gertrude, Norbert, (TWINS) Grace & Gloria and Richard. The second marriage resulted in myself and one older brother. He had a brother named Anthony or Andy who Retired in Seattle ⊗ Never heard anything except rumor of him.

An interesting point of your letter is in that the name was screwed up when this crew arrived in New York. As a youth I recall seeing clothing labeled Schmeller in my fathers room. This is my only recollection. He however always claimed of being a Prussian. I've since learned many of that Era said same.

In closing I'd like to say that I have travelled extensively throughout the U.S. and world in the past 30 years and have never met a SMELLER nor seen the name. We might have something here.

Please write again

NICE to Know You too —

Don -