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Dear Ivor,
Thank you for your July mailing with letters and enclosed articles.

I am interested in knowing if you finally managed to get a copy of my book through Marston, or did they claim the 10 copies they were waiting for never arrived? There have been some signs that would corroborate your belief that the publisher is determined to "kill off" the book. I should have some further information in about a month, and perhaps confirmation in about six months or so.

Meanwhile, on May 6, a letter from an official at Alex said sales reports for 1998 would be sent "within the next week." On August 3, when no sales report had arrived, I wrote for the explanation from the same official. A sales report arrived soon thereafter, dated June 11, but with a postmark of August 5. The report said 200 copies were sold in 1998, but there was no indication how many copies had been printed. (Since the book appeared in a recent citation in Books in Print, at least more than 500 copies must have been printed, otherwise that citation should not have appeared.)

In the past 2 months or so, some crucial developments have been taking place in the Guido Picco case, and they should provide interesting material for the account in the Directory, and also for Internet. I'll write more in near future.

How is the Directory project progressing? If by now you have not received my book, I think that episode itself would be a revealing item to be included.

Best regards,
Paulson