

Note: Three different hands have annotated the text. Annotation 44 refers to the oldest set as the “Van Sloan” annotations, and the middle set as being by “Cushing”. By extension, the third and most recent annotations are by “Hopkins”. Therefore, the abbreviations VS, CU and HO denote the author of a particular annotation. Van Sloan writes in a cramped, hard-to-read hand in blue ink. Cushing's handwriting is larger and much more legible, and uses green ink. Hopkins' writing is sloppy and hasty, and done in cheap red biro.

Illustration “The Cup is Passed”

The interior of an English cathedral or large church. Behind the altar is a large stained-glass window showing St. George fighting the dragon. There are thirteen people scattered in the pews. The priest stands next to a large chalice, presumably containing sacramental wine.

Page i H01

Numbered all the notes for cross-ref

Page i VS2

Great Christ it's all true

Page i CU3

There are mysteries which men can only guess at, which age by age they may solve only in part. On St. George's Day, 1978, Romanian border guards shot and killed Nicholas Loman as he attempted to cross illegally from Hungary. I watched it happen. I was there, disguised as a Hungarian soldier, along with five other British officers. In the months prior, Nicholas Loman had become the focus of an investigation into a suspected intelligence leak within SIS. With his death, the mole hunt ended – and with it, Operation Edom. I do not I am not myse I am unable, with the sources available to me, able to confirm the truth of those statements. I do not believe that Loman was who they believed him to be; I do not believe Edom is gone. I am no longer sanctified sanctioned to investigate this matter, and I cannot trust anyone, including myself. I intend to return this volume to the archives. An automatic monitoring program within the SIS computer systems will alert my successors when He awakens once again. God bless you and keep you safe.

Page ii H04

Il dates changed in published version -- to hide connection to quakes?

Page ii H05

Case officer? Deputy director NID? Workname?

Page ii CU6

The sortes Vergilianae, bibliomancy as performed by Hadrian and Charles I, among others. The translation is Dryden's. Curious to find out which highly placed figure in 1893 was a devotee of the practise. And whether PH took his copy of the Aeneid with him.

Page 2 HO7

Clearly meant as a meet point. Could the cursed arch at Barnafoss be considered a Devil's Bridge? Or is Harker just critiquing the mission here?

Page 2 CU8

Damaged in WWII bombing. Compare catalogues, see what was lost or stolen?

Page 4 VS9

En garde with the opposition. Dead House is target for RAF bombers?

Page 5 HO10

Satellite imaging doesn't help either. Spend ages trying to match Harker's description with topographical maps. Did he get it wrong, or did someone tamper with the database out of DIFC?

Page 5 CU11

IVOR insisted that the Securitate intel comes from "near Bistritz". Counter-intelligence's attempts to identify a conventional channel between the Securitate and any suspected moles failed. Assuming there was a mole, and assuming CI's efforts were genuine and thorough, what possibilities remain? That IVOR is wrong, and the Bistritz connection is irrelevant. That IVOR is lying. That the channel is unconventional. Loman translated IVOR's initial reports. The whole case against him turned on his access to Source IVOR's intelligence.

Page 5 VS12

4 Nov. The boundary markers are all shot up by the locals, can't tell if we're in Rumania or Hungary and to ask is to risk everything.

Page 6 HO13

Queer dreams + dry mouth = scopolamine overdose?

Later. Does Drac hypnosis create similar chemical reaction in brain? Hack Black Light recs.

Page 6 HO14

If only. Someone (Bu Er hacker by fist, but in .RO range(!)) has gotten to some archives ahead of me

Page 6 CU15

CD later intends to use a 'Slovak river clan' to transport him up the Danube. Could lethargy or distractibility be a symptom of a connection with CD? Blood loss could sap 'natural self-assertion'. Present-day Slovak river-folk may still be servants

Page 6 HO16

Still the closest town to the Castle? Must sniff comm. traffic coming through there. Keywords 'master', 'count', 'de ville', 'dracula'. Later. Adding: 'Edom', 'Elvis' to watch list.

Page 7 HO17

1602 siege, fires 1836, 1850, 1857 -- hunters? Vatican records analog of course. Pwn phones of Luria's office + hope for the best

Page 8 VS18

The day the Count set for meet with us; Mac noticed of course but he hasn't read this and Spence won't listen

Page 8 HO19

St. George in published version. St. Andrew's Eve by Julian calendar, still in use in Romania in 1893.

Page 8 CU20

Check Exeter archives – if CD insisted on Harker arriving on a particular date, it may indicate that certain days of the year are especially suited to unconventional communication.

Page 8 CU21

Dragos facetiously suggested issuing crucifixes to all staff. Unlikely to have any effect, regardless – genuinely efficacious relics hard to source.

Page 8 VS22

Every man on this mission is C of E – Mac is Presbyterian of course -- no crucifixes in kit at all

Page 9 HO23

No contemporary references to this varietal though some Mediasch is golden. Queer sting - drugged? CHARLES notes mention GOLD protocol. Some sort of prep. for Drac's influence.

Page 11 VS24

5 Nov. Roadside crosses in this district burnt or shot through; Hungarian neighbourliness or worse?

Page 11 CU25

Another trance near dusk. Watchers on the road? Check with Garrot, see if such meditation at shrines is a common practice.

Page 13 CU26

Power of influencing weather is well established – is this a conscious control, or does it reflect the creature's moods and hungers. Mem: Crosscheck weather reports from Proserpine.

Page 13 VS27

Flamingo coming in hit icy downdraft over Carpathians(?), Cpt Spence ordered early jump ahead of storm

Page 14 VS28

Marschieren im Geist in unsern Reihen mit The dead march amidst our ranks From the Horst-Wessel Song

Page 14 H029

Good tradecraft from Harker to not respond in language he is not supposed to know -- obsv trained field agent

Page 14 VS30

3 Nov. Compasses more useless than usual, per similarly useless briefing about magnetic veins.

Page 15 CU31

Power over animals and 'meaner forms of life' also well established. 'Is Man so different from any of these animals that he must form an order by himself', to paraphrase Huxley. The same phenomenon may be at work

Page 15 H032

Blog by Francesca Collins (Uni South Carolina volcanologist in Romania w NIEP) says Stoker's blue flame is natural gas plume, found in e.g. Vrancea county. Email to find out why only few days per yea

Page 18 VS33

Not necessarily. I don't think any of us noticed the Castle when we should have, ruin or no.

Page 22 CU34

This is the only place I can put down my thoughts safely, without being outwardly observed. Furtively, like an unclean thing. I dare not reread what I have written. I dread seeing notes in my hand that I do not recall writing.

Page 23 VS35

Those burnt papers – should they have gone in the box too? Couldn't make anything out in the dark

Page 24 H036

In 1901 Icelandic preface, Stoker connects Drac to Ripper case, or possibly thames torso murders

Page 25 H037

Another connection to earthquakes? Created? Later. Tesla created quake with his resonator. Patented in 1893. Dates suggestive?

Page 26 H038

Changed to Purfleet for published version. Carfax still standing?

Later. Imagery shows no building matching description in Plaistow, but IR shows heat bloom between streets. Check w DIFC for Cousins' IMINT.

Page 27 CU39

Were there only three sites marked in England? What about elsewhere? Why Whitby? Not a major port. Existing presence there? Something in the area?

Page 28 CU40

Dawn and dusk again, and the turning of the tide. Transitions.

Page 30 VS41

11 Nov. Country torn up by earthquakes even in '94. What must it be like now after the catastrophe we have unleashed? Ruined buildings in Bucharest, provinces in turmoil.

Page 32 H042

Wikipedia says 'mountain ash' is rowan tree, of the rose family.

Later. AC forum says rowan attracts lightning in Norse legend -- stakes must be made of rowan?

Page 32 VS43

14 Dec. This is how He Count appeared when he finally deigned to meet with us on 12 Dec. Heard Spence's offer, responded with 'I shall reach out and reclaim Rumania when you invite me to do so.' Raving, if you like, but controlled. Controlling. Called Iron Guard 'play-actors mouthing lines written in Nuremberg.'

Page 32 CU44

I've been unable to find the original mission briefing, or the names of those dispatched to Romania in 1940 – presumably, only Dukes can read those files. I've come to think of my predecessor as VAN SLOAN, after the cinematic Van Helsing of the era. By extension, I suppose you – my successor – may refer to me as CUSHING.

Page 33 H045

Lilith myth? Maybe I need to talk with a folklore expert. Later. Isaiah 34:14

Page 33 H046

Now Internet says Vlad Tepes >< Count Dracula (Count is Hungarian, Vlad Romanian; no impalements mentioned in Stoker ms.) On Sky News, Prof Lucsai says 'on the one hand on the other hand' Typical academic. Too many warlords! Stoker or Harker or Van Helsing have confused issue too much with Victorian guesswork or disinfo.

Page 34 CU47

More safehouses w/boxes? Cotford's men checked shipping records & likely sites, but reported nothing. At the time, I believed them.

Page 34 H048

Must pull port traffic records for these + other major ports, cross-reference with Axel Logistics & HGD Shipping, see if anything falls out.

Page 36 VS49

13 Dec. Even with its impostor binding and without these marginalia this book won't fool the Abwehr -- or Him -- for long. Must on no account leave it behind in Bucharest, orders or no orders.

Page 36 H050

All still active. Burdett's changed to Coutt's in published version. Leutner now Leutner Fabrighen. K&B fled to Switzerland during WWII, reincorporated there. Follow the money.

Page 39 VS51

How I wish we had stopped to cut limbs from these efficacious trees! Grove must have been planted by neighboring noblemen who knew and feared Dracula – why he remained quiescent for centuries?

Page 40 H052

This description does match surviving portraits of Maria Balsa, Countess Muro, who a news search now tells me Italian TV claims was the Daughter of Dracula. Later: Muro tomb in Naples also appears under GLADIO files.

Page 40 CU53

Know her face! From where? Bistritz? Munich? Paris? England!? Nightmares? Dream contact poss. channel.

Page 44 CU54

Letters to Hawkins. How did CD know their protocol? Telepathy must be admitted as a channel.

Page 45 CU55

Drums beating at Ring. War among the Dukes, and our lord and master went to Downing Street to reassure Callaghan. C was out within the year – his successor was ex-SOE, involved in operations along the Danube in 44. Edom's man, no doubt, and C's head was the price for the hunt.

Page 46 H056

Checked with Florescu at SRI - Slovaks still involved in organised crime - weapons smuggling, humans trafficking, smuggling, even drugs. Funar, Skinsky - poss. connections to mafia? Running checks though Romania desk.

Page 46 VS57

3 Feb. Balan got me into Belgrade and away from Him, but he admits some other gipsies work for Him. One clan, calls them 'wolves.' Saw cup and drop on wall but could not make contact. Lewis lived?

Page 50 H058

Check numismatic sale records for dates, sellers of large lots of coins matching this profile; tap Met's AAU source at Sotheby's? Later: Check same for buyers of those lots; who knows about patterns in this trade?

Page 54 CU59

CD in England for months. Ample opportunity to create new vampires, but also to find servants to those in Transylvania – a leave-behind network. CD operates on a longer timescale than we do. This is both his weakness and his advantage over us. His instincts and thought processes are still those of a medieval warlord, so he has to work to comprehend the modern age – but he is aware of this weakness, and counters it by relying on servants and intermediaries. He prepares the ground for his arrival – for his invasion.

Page 54 CU60

Direct mental influence as a weapon. Compare with the Cousins' flap about Czech psychotronic weapons. Cotford's behavior in December was erratic, in my judgment. Unlike himself. We lost one near Hendon because he botched the job. He denied it, of course, but I could tell something was weighing on him.

Page 55 VS61

28 Jan. Returned to safe house ruins three days ago. Retrieved this book from wreck – SOE print shop comes through! No word or cup and drop blaze from Lewis. Hide by night, move by day. Germans better than Him. Germany firmly in saddle here, Antonescu loyal Axis toady, Iron Guard broken. Knights of Death dead, vanished, hidden away in Berlin?

Page 56 H062

Need to get access to paper archives in NS building. Ollie?

Page 57 H063

Digging around in the SIA spreadsheet, I found references to a training facility operating out of Exeter; also, a navy ship attached to the facility called HMS Proserpine. She's not on any of the RN rolls though, not since 1919.

Page 58 H064

Shut down - maybe demolished? Recheck Carfax sat intel. Seward marries later on, according to the postscript - maybe family still own the building?

Page 58 CU65

LW, MM, KR and R – all four influenced by CD remotely, and closely observed while doing so. These cases may hold the key to identifying and understanding capabilities/limitations of unconventional channels. Scientific rigor is needed, even now.

Page 58 CU66

Recheck Seward files for notes. Archives unsure if files still at asylum, or if they were moved to HQ in 1939.

Page 60 H067

Medical man named Jack, in London in 1888, obvious issues with women, now plays with knives? Does Stoker mention the Ripper as a coded warning?

Page 61 H068

Morris as cover identity? Cross-referencing Morris with files from the Cousins & the watch list turned up a 'Thad Morris' - descendant, maybe? Also accounts of "American Vampire" – from 1892!

Page 65 CU69

Volcanic island in South Seas. Ref. Von Reichenbach – obsession with plan to establish German colony there.

Page 65 CU70

Lake in Andes

Page 65 H071

West End club. Need a member to sponsor you to get in, or to have 'shed blood on three continents'. Soldiers and spooks.

Page 65 CU72

Cannot be related to engagement – they already know. London news? Rozhenko mentioned in letter.

Page 68 CU73

Deep-black mineralised wood.

Page 68 H074

Thought in Stoker's time to be solidified bitumen -- oil. Jet found in Romania. Could some jet be Romanian oil? Beacon/tracker/baptism? Check Romanian oil industry for interesting matches?

Page 69 H075

Ideal circs for brush pass. Does Lucy get the Brooch now?

Page 72 VS76

9 Dec. Perga Belimace isn't Guard – he's the Count's man! Comes to us to set meeting time and place: chapel yard ('potter's field') of Anglican Church of the Resurrection on Av. Xenopol, three days from now. Later. Grave where tHe Count stood had no marker. Pauper? Suicide?

Page 73 H077

Coded observations? One-time pad? Numbers station? Kabbalah?

Or inventory of bugs kept by a maniac, duh.

Page 75 – Illustration “I wonder at how many lives he values a man, or if at only one”

The illustration depicts a bearded, wild-haired man in a strait-jacket. Feathers are stuck to his beard and float around him. On the wall of the cell, presumably using pigeon blood for pigment, someone has drawn a cup, emblazoned with a drop symbol, and surmounted by a crown.

Page 76 VS78

Christmas Eve. Spence says we must kill Maj. Döring: 'The only way to break this thing open.' I have not been watching Spence the entire time, but I do not think he got this order from London. I don't blush at removing a German officer, but surely the Count can do his own killing. Is Döring protected somehow?

Page 77 CU79

Previous connection to CD, or simply an indication that her connection has woken old habits. The father's shared history may indicate a family predilection – might somnambulism be a symptom? Von Reichenbach connected sleepwalking to his theory of the “Odic Force”, a vital electromagnetic energy emanating from living beings (and absorbed by dead ones?) If LW's sleepwalking was the result of CD 'calling' her, was she the only receiver 'tuned' to that signal, or were there other sleepwalkers in Whitby (or further afield?) who also heard the call? In effect, is the unconventional channel a cable or a radio? To what degree is blood drinking needed to establish a connection? Acquire information on sleepwalkers & sleep disorders in London.

Page 78 VS80

Explains much – we did our SOE 'finishing school' at Ring, Holmwood family portraits scowling from the walls. Not just another stately home.

Page 78 CU81

The connection is bi-directional. CD can obtain information from a victim compel or control a victim send instructions to a victim And, as VH later demonstrated, information can also obtained from CD, implying he does not have complete control over the connection. Was Renfield the victim of 'crossed

lines' – he inadvertently receives a message intended for another? Can the connection be intercepted or tapped by a third party? If so, can this be achieved without alerting the recipient of the information? Singleton's attempts suggest a physical emanation of some sort.

Page 79 CU82

Mass psychosis evoked by CD's approach? Perhaps if we filled Century House with sensitive madmen, and observed which one of them twitches when a signal goes out. No-one would notice a few extra lunatics in the service.

Page 79 H083

Romania brief today included transcript of conversation between an Inspector Anghelescu and CIA HoS Bucharest - mentioned angel of death in reference to deaths of two suspect AQIR affiliates. CIA told him to treat deaths as accidental.

Page 82 H084

Francis Aytown, "Demeter Descends Into The Underworld", oil on canvas, 1899. Purchased by Pinakothek Museum, Munich, 1979; stolen May 2012 from storage. May have turned up on black market.

Page 83 – Illustration "She must fetch up somewhere, if it was only in Hell"

The wreck of the Demeter, as seen from the cliffs near Whitby Abbey. The beached ship is in the centre of the frame. Behind it can be seen the town of Whitby; in the foreground, at the artist's feet, are several implements including a crucifix.

Page 88 H085

Tried to find out who owned the ship - she was Russian-registered, but that doesn't necessarily mean anything. Instead, got sidetracked reading about smuggling in Eastern Europe, especially into Romania. BRUTUS on the Interpol watch list - and on the distribution list for EDOM.

Page 88 CU86

Why second inspection? Did the Turks suspect what was on board. Can we get access to MIT archives via the Cousins? Turks traditionally recruit from limited number of bloodlines families – how far back do they go?

Page 93 CU87

Came to a bad end in Hong Kong, raving about 'doll-men' (Dollingen?).

Page 95 CU88

Was Swales an Edom asset? Lamplit MM and LW; taken out by CD at rendezvous point. Cover ID or recruited local friendly? Check Whitby church registers to see if claimed identity exists?

Page 96 H089

EDOM handler? Church records unhelpful -- too many single men who change residence frequently

Page 98 H090

Brooch not listed in probate records (or published novel text, for that matter) Proximity hits in Six files on keywords 'jet' 'brooch' 'Westenra' -- I'm not paranoid, or at least I'm not alone, someone else has been looking for this

Page 99 CU91

Sent Bullard to take samples of Whitby soil.

Page 99 H092

Sounds like a floating box to me. Weird coincidence - Six runs annual street surveillance training ops in Whitby. Must ask about them, see how far back they go. Was Cushing trained there?

Page 101 CU93

Sunset again, but that looks more like accidental bleed-through than deliberate action. CD's control not complete, even without VH hypnosis. Singleton suggested that it might be a suppressed memory surfacing; that CD's powers of mind control are not wholly reliable.

Page 102 H094

I now know far too much about Yorkshire sea birds. Any that would be categorised as a 'good-size bird' are way bigger than a common vampire bat. So, whatever bat Drac turns into isn't a known species, or else he can change size in any form. Now I'm going to have nightmares about vampire ROUSes

Page 103 H095

Billington & Sons still in same place. Carter, Paterson & Co get bought by Big Four railway companies in 1933. They get nationalised, it goes to the British Road Services. That turns into the National Freight Company, and Thatcher sells that off in '89. It ends up getting merged into an international logistics company, Axel Logistics - and wow, that's quite a client list.

Page 104 CU96

Cotford. Names recur. Our friend from Five claims no relation. Garrot's father was SOE. Singleton lies - orphan one day, a Scottish lord the next. Must dig. Jasper Harker ran Five from 40-41! A threat, like running up a yellow flag? Red. Red = war. Yellow = contagion. Blood contagion. The Dukes. Continuity of name. Edom's lowest grade of immortality – pretending that one is the same as the next, as if the office inhabited the man and not the other way around.

Page 104 CU97

Carradine title extinct after 1973 death of 10th Lord Carradine.

Page 105 CU98

Radioactivity? Does it power the v, or let us track him? Later. Singleton recounts wild tales of glowing black ogres in Romanian mountains. Check actual folklore, map sightings?

Page 105 H099

Would be nice to find that plate, run a full spectrum workup on it, and see if we could find the wavelength Drac emits. We could track him from orbit with the WMD packages, thanks DIFC!

Page 106 CU100

Bleed through again? Astral projection, as speculated by VH? Curious metaphor of earthquake. Check with Bullard at Blacknest about seismic activity corresponding to this date, if records go back that far.

Page 108 CU101

So that's where D got that curious phrase of his. I remember feeling like a complete fool when giving the recognition code at Ring on my first visit.

Page 109 H0102

Chloral Hydrate, aka knockout drops. Also a key ingredient in Hoyer's Solution, which you use if you're mounting slides of microscopic parasites for examination. Seward may have had a side project or two. Ref. bat mites in Argentina

Page 110 CU103

Implies awareness of CD before arrival at Whitby ("long"). Mentioned to Dragos that I'm bringing in a psychic – he scoffed at me, called me a superstitious peasant. No use on stories from his homeland. Mabel Garrot? Young, but good refs & provisionally cleared already

Page 111 H0104

Drac's gone to London, hence she recovers. Was Drac back under Edom control, or was he operating independently in London. I guess checking for unexplained deaths in 1894 would... unless they helped him cover it all up. British Library has archives of all newspapers - they can't get to it all, but searching that pile will be a pain. May need to bring Ollie in on this.

Page 113 H0105

Stop giving cats to the cat-murdering psychopath. Actually, that principle applies to a lot of things, including Edom.

Page 113 H0106

Stoker removed the pistol ref - hiding Seward's military background? Cf brother George, with his adventures in the Balkans? Worth taking a weekend break in Ireland and looking at history there?

Page 114 H0107

Might be worth going back up that line; Edom surely still has "friends in Fleet Street" who might talk if bluffed.

Page 115 H0108

What the hell happened in Cornwall? The Hound of the Baskervilles?

Page 115 H0109

Heal the Children fundraisers – familiar names & faces there. Cover for travel/meeting

Page 116 H0110

Stoker's notes mention another letter from Reed to Lucy, even suggests an affair between her & Harker. How much is invention and how much is redaction? Need to dig into Stoker's past more.

Page 118 H0111

Why stay here? Holmwood had a flat in London, or could have stayed at Hillingham. Was he meeting someone? Albemarle Hotel *****, very swank, high class clientele.

Page 120 CU112

No copy of this analysis in the archives. Plaistow records may be more comprehensive - Seward kept everything else!

Page 124 H0113

Did Lucy tell him more than just her symptoms? Was it a briefing?

Page 125 H0114

Recruited by Drac now? Before/after daughter gets vamped? Daughter as payment? Some sort of initiation ritual? If so, LW/MM same? cf. Offering of children – Lilith cult, Barnafoss etc

Page 126 CU115

Subvert secret police to conceal supernatural threat – a pattern? What other agencies are suspect? The CIA? KGB? Germans definitely. Mossad assassins?

Page 127 CU116

Date matches with sudden decline in LW's health. Renfield can sense proximity of CD. Definite implication that connection is not secure – Renfield is crossed wires.

Page 131 H0117

Check dispensary records, NHS records, etc. for elevated use of blood thinners and the like? Track program by drug sales, see which suppliers and manufacturers co-locate with significant purchases.

Page 132 H0118

More tracking: blood products for transfusions. Military is biggest user, check their inventories first. NATO records integrated, thank God.

Page 135 CU119

Begijnhof address in Amsterdam? Or university?

Page 136 H0120

Still a greenhouse operating under that name in Haarlem. Prop. in 1894 stayed out of records or Dutch digitisation has holes.

Page 136 CU121

Alraune

Page 137 CU122

Unaware of what's happening to her – virtually her entire experience with CD is conducted in a trance, as VH mentions later. Could CD have literal sleeper agents, who do his bidding in their sleep? Anyone could be compromised and unaware of it.

Where do I go at night?

Page 140 CU123

Sotheby's has a transaction record. Follow up provenance, both backward and forward.

Page 141 H0124

Worth running this down for contemporary real estate dealings; half the houses in Belgravia are Russian Mafiya investment properties as it is.

Page 141 VS125

Van Helsing swears in German! He just broke cover – if he fed vampire secrets to Germans in '94 they have almost 50 years to follow up. Is there a Ger. vampire program? Who runs it? Abwehr? SS? SD? FHO? Lewis has been working the street, his German and Rumanian best in team. He says Maj. Döring is Abwehr, poss. FHO Lt. Otto von Bolschwing is SS, poss. SD

Page 142 CU126

To whom? Lucy, or VH & JS? Renfield's bursts of violence might be conditioning. Circumspection must be our watchword – CD may have implanted commands in his mole, or possibly given blood.

Page 146 CU127

Elizabeth Bathory. IVOR claimed, towards the end, that there was a Czechoslovakian connection operating near her castle.

Page 155 CU128

Caldwell Foundation archives.

Page 156 H0129

WTF!?!?

Page 163 CU130

One month since CD arrived. In that time, he

Preys on LW & JP

Moves boxes from Carfax to his safehouse

Establishes himself in London society

Sells a dagger to raise funds

Kills WS

WHAT ELSE?

D once promised me a third-floor dukedom when all this was over, with access to the restricted sanction files. No chance of that now. How many vampiric byblows did Edom put down over the last century, unaware that they were part of Dracula's network?

Page 163 H0131

Found a police report on the system from Bucharest, about those two AQ wannabes found dead in Bucharest. Apartment had crushed garlic around windows & doors - they knew they were being hunted, and it didn't save them. Garlic on its own isn't enough. Also - a kid vanished from the same apartment block in Berceni on the same night. (Still missing. Investigating officer - J. Tugurlan). More collateral damage. This is why Cushing sent me this dossier - as a warning, in case they tried again.

Page 165 CU132

CD's appearance continues to change. Coachman had a 'brown beard' (presumably CD, presumably disguise), CD originally 'clean shaven except for a white moustache), now bearded again. To what degree does this reflect his consumption of blood? Do other vampires similarly wax and wane in age, or is this peculiar to the Count? Why go all the way to the zoo? He can command other animals - why fetch a wolf to smash the window? Did he have some other purpose in the area?

Page 167 H0133

They had wolves in Regent's Park up until the '80s. They got moved out to Whipsnade after that. Approx. 4,000 wild wolves in Romania. Lots of bears too. Can Drac control bears? Why are wolves mean, not bears?

Page 167 CU134

CD appears to have a genuine affinity for certain animals. It's unlikely that a wounded and confused wolf could have gone from Hillingham to Regent's Park without attracting attention - did CD help it get home? Might animals be his agents, or among them? Rats at Billington & son.

Page 169 CU135

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Page 170 CU136

No such phonograph or any cylinders noted in Mrs. Westenra's will. Still at Hillingham, or moved to Archives?

Page 170 VS137

Friday the 13th. The change in time – to disguise this date? Or the earthquakes?

Page 171 CU138

Singleton very guarded on topic of magic. Talked about etheric vortices and telluric currents and other nonsense, clearly setting up excuses if he's unable to do anything. Had Garrot brief him, looking for correspondences in Romanian folklore with whatever psychic powers he possesses; he immediately asks if we can get him something called Le Dragon Noir. Breath smelled metallic, almost bloody.

Page 175 CU139

Who invited CD in? The wolf overcame the barrier of the garlic, not the prohibition on entry. Or is that part of the myth?

Page 179 H0140

Argentina connection? CARVER at Five suspects Argentine Intelligence has been nosing around similar files.

Later. Julius Popper - Romanian national, Patagonian gold baron, died mysteriously in B.A. in 1893 -- Q.Morris direct action?

Page 179 H0141

Tropical vampire bat is very small; Patagonian sub-species much larger (Schlafenweis and von Lorfmon, JoBAZ 6:114

Page 180 CU142

Four transfusions without blood-typing, and it doesn't kill her? Does drinking v blood change the subject's blood to AB+? Or did Van Helsing have access to German military experimentation on blood-groups pre-Landsteiner? Check SURGEON files for pre-1900 German secret blood experiments.

Page 181 CU143

Sunset. CD controlling her actions & watching through her eyes, or passing on instructions? Or was LW's 'shadow self' capable of independent action at this point?

I don't think I slept properly all winter in '77. Whole London office run ragged after D grasped the nettle. Cousins involved too – Bewler raising hell. Doesn't sleep.

Page 189 – Illustration “Death had given her back part of her beauty”

The illustration depicts the scene immediately after Lucy Westenra's death. She lies in bed, Holmwood kneeling by her side. Nearby, Van Helsing comforts a broken Seward, while Morris looks out the window.

Page 194 CU144

She knew exactly what she was doing, and on whose orders. I only wish things were so clear to me.

Page 194 H0145

Looks clean, but few records. Found an article mentioning Parton and Marquand both attending some dinner, but my eyes will bleed if I look through one more scanned newspaper from 1894.

Page 195 H0146

A bribe? This sort of legal chicanery stinks of something like that. Or maybe the lawyer was skimming.

Page 200 H0147

I know how FA feels. This makes the third scanner to crap out on me trying to burn this thing to a flash drive.

Page 203 – Illustration “I should forget Singleton and his ravings.”

Two men – Inspector Cotford with his bowler hat and muttonchop moustache, and portly, sweaty Singleton – examine a large map of London. Lying against the table is an object resembling an ouija board.

Page 219 CU148

Corporeal transference: that a mind can transfer from one body to another

Materialisation: that things can appear out of thin air

Astral body: that the mind can project into a higher plane, and look down upon the world.

Reading of thoughts: telepathy

Singleton identified the source of the extract instantly, probed me about what exactly we wanted him for. Too sharp by half.

Page 224 H0149

Stoker - or Seward - deliberately confused the location of the tomb. Kingstead's fictional. Must check other graveyards nr. Hampstead. Five reports foreign criminals using graveyards to cache drugs, other supplies. Casefile GOBLIN.

Page 225 H0150

AS thread about vampires/nuclear winter, cerneati experiments. Relevant

Page 226 CU151

Just like Lucy's throat, when her transformation became irreversible. Is the connection transitive? If the child became v, would CD require LW as a 'relay' to connect to it, or are they all on the same wavelength?

Page 228 CU152

VH as asset handler, recasting the dilemma in palatable terms.

Page 231 CU153

CD can rest in the grave of any vampire he made (and their progeny) as well as the grave of a suicide. Why the restriction on native soil? Is there a physical element to it, or is it purely Bullard to Hendon & Whitby, to take samples.

Page 238 CU154

Mechelen-Brussels

Page 238 H0155

VH is talking bollocks here because he knows Protestants won't know any better. He doesn't have an Indulgence he has a dealer.

Later. Or that's not actually the Host but some chemical or mineral compound. Stoker redacted stuff about red liquids etc

Page 240 CU156

"Mind control" isn't unique to CD; LW manifests it despite being "young". CD may be more adept at it, but any of his agents can do it. Any of his agents, whoever they are. Am I an agent? How can I tell? I need a drink. Need to talk to someone, get my head clear of this, but the Americans at our throats again. Talk of them assisting us in Romania; they've got agents in place there, and money for bribes. I don't know what they know – Edom's not covered by the Special Relationship, but someone's let the bat out of the bag.

Page 241 CU157

Unable to find any record of a missing child being found by London police matching that date. Not mentioned in Cotford's notebook, either

Page 242 H0158

I wonder what happened to Van Helsing's bag. What else was in it?

Page 242 H0159

No they don't. The term is practically unique to Stoker, except for two 19th c. sources (neither Romanian) reporting from Sibiu. Occult code word? Is that why occultists Grau and Murnau used it for their film? And is that why the 1922 Nosferatu nearly vanished forever – Edom coverup? German govt coverup of their own vampire?

Page 245 CU160

Trust nothing. Always confirm the indulgence.

Page 245 H0161

Still run by the C. Church. Sr. Agatha seems oddly well informed - chunks of Vatican library are online. Must get some keywords translated into Latin, run a comparison search, see what falls out.

Page 246 CU162

Did CD establish a connection or "tune into" JH at the Castle? Renfield naturally sensitive. LW and MH baptized with blood. Must discuss sacraments with Singleton; ask how initiation works. Bullard or Blackwood maybe – get a scientist's perspective.

Page 246 H0163

Cluj-Napoca, these days. About 100 km from Bistrita, so what, about 120-130 km from Castle Drac? Long walk, especially in the winter.

Page 256 VS164

1 Dec. They have it here, though. Definitely a third force here, Spence agrees; necromancers in Iron Guard. Echipa Mortii – Knights of Death? Lewis' contact Freza might know; odious fellow has finger in everything.

Page 258 H0165

No productive hits on Dolingen in Graz or elsewhere in Austria; old aristocratic family intermarried with half the noble lines east of the Rhine May search in EDOM search request records to see if they know more

Page 259 H0166

Why Russian? Is 'Dead Travel Fast' a code phrase -- were Russians on ground in Bistritz in 1894? Did Cushing look into this as part of 77 mole hunt? Check Lobanov debriefings. What does GRU or FSB or

SVR know now? Peeping Russians not as easy to do without clearance as domestics, but might be worth it off book. Later. Hell, were Russians on ground in Munich in 1801? How far back does this go?

Page 260 CU167

Stoker's notebook has an entry on ELECTROBIOLOGY, but the following pages are blank. Some sort of reanimation? Dead House work?

Page 266 CU168

The bitter hours are upon me now, it seems. Took the m/s down to the Exeter House to check the archives. All alone on this floor, and it's after midnight now. Branches tapping at window unnerving. Drinking isn't helping.

Met with Cotford before taking the train. He wanted to discuss Lobanov, the suspected Soviet agent his men picked up near Hillingham. Cotford seemed to think he'd already briefed me – no memory of any such conversation. Feel uncertain, adrift. Whitehall breathing down our necks, says C, but I can't muster concentration. This is becoming confessional. Uncanny urge to walk down to the Catholic church in Exeter and unburden myself. Seven miles or so in the pitch dark – preposterous.

Page 267 – Illustration “The Secret is here, and I do not want to know it.”

The illustration is of a room in the Hospital of St. Joseph in Budapest. Jonathan Harker lies in bed, his new wife by his side reading a letter. Morris, again, stands by the window. At least three figures can be seen outside the window, standing at the threshold of the hospital grounds but apparently unwilling to enter. A large crucifix hangs on the wall.

Page 269 CU169

Vambery

Page 272 CU170

Imported from Transylvania? Symbology may be of significance.

Page 272 H0171

Magnesium burns with a very high UV content. Start keeping some by the bed ha ha?

Page 274 H0172

“Why don't you upload the whole thing and let Glenn Greenwald sort it out?” “Because nobody would believe me without seeing this book for themselves, and because I'd get renditioned, and because Glenn would just fuck it up or give it to ISIS.

Page 280 CU173

In the same drawer? Why? This is maddening. I see significance in everything. My mind is bitten down to the quick. Later – The third tour, in the club reports. Turkish monastery caves. Mountains in Palestine too?

Page 283 CU174

All's changed since 1894. Can't locate the house, but suspect it's still there.

Page 283 H0175

Stoker's Notes from Rosenbach mention these two. Did Drac bring them from Castle, or recruit them in England? Or did Edom provide them?

Page 283 VS176

26 Nov. Thirteen is Satanic coven, says Trevithick. Some Guard (echipa mortii?) sworn in teams of 13, on pistol and book Later. 28 Nov. Guard ceremonially reburies Codreanu with 13 companions! Maj. Döring present at ceremony, and at secret midnight ceremony after. Who instructs whom?

Page 284 – Illustration “I only wish that it had brought me complete oblivion”.

The illustration shows Kate Reed at a dinner party. She is seated next to a well-dressed middle-aged man with a large moustache; on the far side of him is a younger woman in a fashionable evening gown. Surrounding Kate are three pale women, wearing what might be old-fashioned Romanian dresses. One of them offers Kate a cup of wine.

Page 289 CU177

I know better than to ask Singleton if he knows what became of this map and planchette. Best case, he'd just lie or boast; worst case, he'd fake one up and charge the Exchequer for readings.

Page 289 CU178

No records of this. Did the Count find him? Carfax burial ground under RR?

Page 294 CU179

HMS Immortalité was commanded until his sudden death in 1892 by Captain Sir William Wiseman, 9th Bart. His son William (10th Bart) established Section V of MI6 in New York in 1914; mentored William Stephenson a.k.a. INTREPID. From 5/94 to 11/95, Immortalité is “on Reserve.” Precursor to Proserpine?

Page 294 H0180

Known Freemasons in the secret services? A shorter list would be the number of cowans. But Cotford tops the list, as must the current Lord Godalming of course.

Page 296 CU181

Symptom of stress – or conditioning. Was JH an unwitting agent of CD when he returned from Transylvania? Can the reports of any field team be trusted? Dragos reported that Source IVOR was exceedingly twitchy, had to be persuaded to remain in place.

Page 296 CU182

Definite evidence of conditioning. CD programmed him to forget.

Every gap in the archives worries me. Find myself dreading sunset. Insisted on driving Garrot back to Cambridge myself, just to get out of the London whirlpool. Nearly crashed on the new motorway – thought I saw a pale figure standing on an overpass, watching me with red eyes.

If I had been compromised, would I remember that?

Page 297 H0183

If everyone Drac drains becomes an immortal vampire, and they can also make more vampires, then you've got exponential growth - the world would be overrun with vampires by now. So, what's keeping them in check? Edom here - do they have counterparts? BND op. running in Romania? Russians? Vatican?

Page 298 CU184

Does VH refer here to Bathory? Lilith? Countess Dolingen? T?

Page 300 CU185

I quoted this passage offhand to Singleton and he asked if I could "get him access to the Elsmar Zohar" then pretended he was joking when he saw I didn't recognise the reference. What are they up to in PIPER, I wonder?

Page 306 H0186

So why did "Cushing" take such pains to hide himself from me? Is he dead? In hiding? I dug the trigger code out of the old monitoring systems - written in '78, keyed to automated reports from Romanian NIEP. Cushing didn't set all this up himself - who helped? Look into 70s techies.

Page 313 CU187

I was among the first on the scene when the car hit Cotford, and I distinctly heard him mutter this as he lay bleeding. The idiot policeman tried to move him, but I stopped the clod & sent him after the

car. The Russian again, or...? It drove down Battersea Bridge Road, towards the river, so it can't have been Him. Cotford doesn't remember saying anything of the kind. The doctors said he barely made it, and won't ever walk again. The Security Mob pulled in their horns after that, let Edom take the whole mess. If we'd had Cotford in January, and in Bucharest, then things might have been different.

Page 319 CU188

He never answered the question. LW knew though, and so too did CD. Took the untranslated original of Dragos' first meeting with IVOR to Garrot. Differences significant.

Page 323 CU189

The Hungarian's letters from his grandfather may confirm this, but he went to ground in Budapest last year and has yet to reappear. He warned me that there'd be bloodletting among the Dukes.

Page 325 CU190

Bullard reports back from BM; the 'suggestive' edition of Pliny is in a library in Ravenna, consulted by Lord Byron of all people

Page 325 CU191

Station H reports that VH lectured at Chungking Military Medical University in 1904, promises to find precis of lectures and forward them.

Page 325 H0192

Icelandic diplomats taking odd interest in Romanian internal politics; championing dissidents, activists etc. Lots of traffic around time of Icelandic eruptions. Volcanic ash clouds as terror weapon? 1st translation of Drac in ICELANDIC?! Wild variation of text again. Run a diff?

Page 326 H0193

Nobody has a sacred bullet? Silver bullets are werewolves, right?

Later. Montague Summers (Vampire: His Kith and Kin p. 209) says blessed silver bullets are for vampires too, but he was deranged and believed in witches.

Later. RN accounts show unusual silver purchases (more than needed for medals) through HMS Proserpine VIN

Later. Scrubbing all searches on Proserpine. Hid traces, closed back doors.

Page 327 VS194

Hermannstadt now Sibiu; majority German population 7 Dec. Freza says Sibiu mts are place of pilgrimage for inner circle of Iron Guard (Knights of Death?)

Page 329 – Illustration “... where the devil claims the tenth scholar as his due”

The illustration is of a mountain lake, surrounded by thick forests. Three anomalous white rectangles mark the surface of the lake.

Page 330 CU195

A madman's photofit. What did Aytown actually capture? The man, or the psychic impression of the man? We are all haunted.

Page 331 CU196

Was Renfield temporarily sane, or released from CD's control? I saw Loman become angrier, more tightly wound, but was that a reaction to the stress of the hunt or a sign of external influence? If only I had thought to correlate his mood swings with the sunset and sunrise.

Page 332 CU197

Asylum patient records destroyed by fire in 1922.

Page 334 CU198

How did Renfield escape CD's influence? His codebook may hold the answer.

Page 339 CU199

Blackwood to take samples from Carfax, Piccadilly, Jamaica road safehouses frequented by CD – spores may linger

Page 340 – Illustration “I thought I saw a face, but it was only the shadows.”

The illustration shows a brick-lined cellar containing several large boxes of earth. In the distance, a short stairs leads down to what appears to be a sewer tunnel.

Page 342 CU200

CD's control over lesser forms of life not absolute. Is fear the trigger that freed the rats? Or self-preservation? Did Renfield know he would soon be murdered?

Page 348 CU201

CD's influence dampens suspicion. MH should have realized she was under attack, given prior experiences. He made her ignore what should have been obvious. Why, then, did Loman suddenly become so obvious? Why, after months of investigation in both London and Romania, did he leave a

trail of evidence right to his door for the Dukes to find? Did CD withdraw some mystical protection, or did Loman become sloppy? Or

Page 350 H0202

Need eyes on the ground, check out places like this. Someone grubby and deniable - maybe trade with Holcriss for intel? Even if Drac's not back in his old haunts, he has to leave traces, and maybe not ones I can read.

Page 350 CU203

CD has left the 50 boxes in place for four months. Why move them now? Slow medieval reflexes? The burning of Coldfall? Or is it a double bluff, disguising his true retreats by leaving false boxes where he knows they will be found? Later. According to Lloyd's, Czarina Catherine shipped "agricultural goods" to Iceland in June – if CD set up his fallback there, that could explain his delay. And why Stoker insisted on an Icelandic edition as his first translation.

Page 352 H0204

Still standing. Proposed development of site halted when property investor fell out a tenth-floor window in 1997. D-notice issued in '77 to grauniad.

Page 353 CU205

CD has aged considerably since MH saw him a week previously. How long does a vampire's unnatural youth last? To what degree is CD's regeneration dependent on his use of other abilities?

Page 355 H0206

Digging into old hacker lore. LEO-1 machines used to process seismic data from Blacknest. Sifting tremblors for Soviet nuclear tests, or -?

Page 363 CU207

Le Dragon Noir? Or Dee's book?

Page 364 CU208

Turning him with a broken back – deliberate attempt to silence Renfield?

Page 367 CU209

Implies that CD fed on Renfield. Is merely drinking enough to pass on the vampiric taint, or must other conditions also be met? What controls the population of the Un-Dead? What happened to Renfield's corpse?

Page 370 CU210

Deliberate hesitation? Did he know what was happening within?

Page 371 H0211

So much blood, some of it Dracula's. Surely Seward or Van Helsing (or both) took samples, if only by squeezing out the rags later.

Page 372 CU212

Was it Renfield or Harker who invited CD in?

Page 376 CU213

Blood establishes the link – was MM simply not sensitive like Renfield or LW, or did CD want a stronger link? Sample of CD blood to eavesdrop on link – recover vial from storage if there's any left of the original tithe

Page 381 CU214

Was '78 a long-delayed revenge? The Securitate ran our people down to earth and then ran them through the hell of Pitesti.

Page 386 CU215

I found a scrap of paper with this passage written on it among my notes. The handwriting resembles that of Garot, but I cannot recall her writing it.

Page 389 CU216

Did they split up to cover more ground? If so, what proof that one or the other did not preserve boxes of earth

Page 391 H0217

Too many candidates -- Matthias Corvinus of Hungary patronized alchemists from all over Europe in 15th c.

Later. Corvinus' library supposedly held copies of Zohar, Dragon Noir. Will check EDOM accounts (those I know of) for payments to Sotheby's, Maggs, other book dealers

Page 391 CU218

Garrot cannot make head or tail of this, and says it bears little resemblance to traditional Transylvanian superstitions about nosferatu. Vambery knew more than he told GS, that's for certain. Must convince Dragos that we need to find the Hungarian, even now.

Page 392 CU219

TELL met me in St. James' Park in November, offered to trade the CIA files on the Argentina site for access to IVOR. She hinted that Morris was working for their Office of Naval Intelligence when he was on the Pampas in '93. I took it to Dragos; he turned it down.

Page 392 VS220

No crosses no Wafer

His speed Killed Mac and Trev before we even knew he was among us. Bullets useless, no edge on F-S or no heft 25 Jan. He came at night, three nights ago, while Bucharest burned down around us in Iron Guard riots, pogrom. Saw Spence fall, then providential shell hit safe house, buried Lewis. Top-hole planning: saved by Wehrmacht artillery.

Page 393 CU221

Coupled with AH/JH's vows of undying love/v mind control, this suggests a sexual pattern to CD's operations. Male (CD) > Female x 3 (LW, MH, JP) > Male x 4+ (JH, AH, JS, QM, ??) > Female x? CD's three brides imply more male vampires in Balkans. Cf VH's talk about marriage by blood.

There may be a "male" counterpart to the Westenra Brooch. Loman showed little/no interest in women. Homosexual like Cotford

Page 396 – Illustration “ My revenge is just begun! I spread it over centuries, and time is on my side.”

The interior of a well-appointed house. Two men – one armed with a knife, the other with a crucifix – confront a third figure. The face of the third man has been deliberately obscured or erased.

Page 403 CU222

If I still trusted Singleton, I might consult with him about hypnosis. He had altogether too much influence in certain circles by the end of it, especially after his identification of the dead-house in Munich.

Page 404 CU223

Sunset/sunrise are moments of uncoupling – when the vampire can change form, but also when telepathy can be 'retuned'? Consult with Blackwood about effects of sunset on radio transmissions – skywave transmissions off the Heaviside layer. What other physical changes?

Page 407 CU224

What happens when a vampire is denied a place to rest? A single sleepless night would not kill a human. Can vampires perish from fatigue? Or is there some force they need to acquire/discharge through slumber?

Page 411 CU225

Cotford's men searched Lomas' apartment after L bolted; they found a list of ships going between Harwich/Dover & Galatz. Brewer argues that L was planning to flee by sea all along, and only flew to Switzerland because we were onto him. Lobanov sighted in Harwich, but he gave us the slip before we could question him.

Page 411 VS226

Though we've been briefed that Istok of county police near castle may help in need. Family connection again, Service standard.

Page 415 CU227

Suspects arrested in England often refused to speak, despite Cotford's skill as an interrogator. At the time, we thought it stubbornness or fear, but it must have been a hypnotic suggestion. If I still had access, I would demand that they try again and ask at sunset. Loman was always quiet. He spoke Romanian at home; it was his native tongue. I've known foreigners who never felt at home in English, but opened up in their own language. Someone who knew him at Bucharest – TIBOR or Dragos?

Page 418 CU228

Lobanov's papers gave his home as Tobolsk. Coincidence or enemy action?

Page 420 CU229

Did Singleton's bizarre plan for a listening post at Strasba ever go ahead? I was cut out of the loop once he ascended into the realm of the dukes.

Page 426 VS230

Simplon Express still running from Munich to Constantinople. Freza mentioned boxes from Tokat Castle, scientific apparatus. Old route closed as long as Roumania's out of the war.

Page 427 CU231

London is full of running water – buried rivers, sewers, underground pipes. Open water only, perhaps?

Page 432 VS232

22 Nov. Leaving book in Bucharest office for now – can't risk it being found on me. Will make more notes while sitting watch, waiting for the Count to contact us or government to fall or Hitler to swallow country whole. All three possible. 24 Nov. Radio announces Antonescu has brought Romania fully into Axis. What now?

Page 434 H0233

Prof M. Lucsai leading expert on Vlad Tepes; even if Drac >< Vlad medieval tactics still might give leads

Page 434 H0234

X-ray tomography?

Page 435 CU235

We must remember, always, that our foe is a medieval warlord. His 'child-brain' cannot integrate new modes of behaviour or thought – his mental evolution is very different to ours. Perhaps he creates new progeny as a bridge to the present – check with Garrot about potential identities of his bridges brides

Page 435 H0236

Desk briefing gives Turkish MIT asset WANDERER on MI6 watch list in Romania. Must find an excuse to pull his file.

Page 436 H0237

MH uses hypnotism to bolster her will and turn the connection back on Dracula during her moments of freedom. Is that why Loman had to die – to stop us turning him against Dr Dr Count D the enemy?

How can I turn myself, if I am compromised? The nuns of Budapest saved Harker from poison – is faith enough to win redemption, or must there be some degree of martyrdom?

Page 439 CU238

Discovered by who? CD walked openly around London during the day. Did CD have enemies in Transylvania?

Page 441 VS239

Must have been local network of NID in '94. Mac is in our team here; Garrott our man in Galati now. Is this operation continuous?

Page 441 CU240

According to Lloyd's, Hapgood is now the Rotterdam firm of HGD Shipping, relocated for tax purposes no doubt. Still ships from London to Varna and Constanta. Possible ratline for the mole? Channel for his handler? See if Station A has a Rotterdam source

Page 443 CU241

Family had connections to Zionist factions in pre-war Romania; fled in 1940s, now in Tel Aviv

Page 443 VS242

21 Jan. Not 48 hrs after we remove Döring, Iron Guard launches coup. Did we clear path for the Count? Rid him of a troublesome servant? What side is he on?

23. WE WERE SKINSKY ALL ALONG

Page 444 – Illustration “The throat had been torn open as if by some wild animal.”

The scene depicts a man impaled or thrown onto an iron railing that has buckled under the force of impact. His throat has been torn open and blood drenches the wall and ground nearby. A distinctive church or monastery can be seen in the background.

Page 448 CU243

Implies immersion in running water is enough to kill a vampire. Is that why D met with the Second Sea Lord in December? An offshore prison, after the castle at Cruden Bay proved unsuitable?

Page 451 VS244

7 Nov. Mac and Trevithick carried the Device away into the valley. Lewis and I on watch. Spence no longer tries to tell us it is a radio amplifier. We are to leave it here with the cup-and-drop blaze, so perhaps Spence plans its extraction by another team.

Page 452 – Illustration “We have all the maps and appliances of various kinds that can be had.”

Two men – Harker and Holmwood – load a small steam launch. The dock is laden with bags, boxes and other items belonging to the expedition.

Page 454 H0245

“Strasba” in published manuscript. Straja’s the right name for the village. There’s an neighbourhood in Bucharest called Strasba. Co-incidental slip by Stoker? Name change?

Page 455 VS246

8 Nov. Dragos and his sons to guide us back to Bucharest through Carpathians; keep watch for them. Later. Spence insists on top speed, as though escaping something.

Page 459 H0247

Palmieri (d 1896) -- physicist and geologist, studies Vesuvius, atmospheric electricity, pioneer seismologist Are Palmieri's records digitised? Poss. Bullard knows someone at Naples Observatory who can scan relevant sections if not.

Note to self: Phish email addy for mail to Bullard

Page 459 CU248

Knowledge from CD, which she 'explains' – unconsciously? – as coming from JH. No conclusions can be trusted.

Page 462 CU249

One of Dragos' agents in Romania was an old, old priest, an American of all things. I briefed him on this technique, but he never came back from the mountains. Did the gypsies get him before he found the Scholomance, or did the circle fail? How much of VH's account can be relied upon? The Hungarian's letters may be more accurate.

Page 465 CU250

Implies vampires existed in greater numbers in the past. I once took this to mean that vampirism was a physical phenomenon, a plague or infection, and that all VH's talk of souls and damnation was nonsense. I was wrong. We were wrong. There is a God, and a Devil, and He walks upon the face of the earth. I know I am damned, until someone younger and stronger than I finds Him and ends Him as they should have done.

Page 467 CU251

For how long? Could the wafer be removed by one of Dracula's mortal servants, or did its touch forever render the tomb useless to CD? Aytown's photographs of VH's vampire hunting kit show vials containing what appear to be chemicals. Other elements of ritual?

Page 467 CU252

But did the stakes survive? Can we verify the indulgence?

Page 467 CU253

Husband. I know. She thought of herself as a Bride. The influence of the castle, or a revealing slip?

Page 474 – Illustration “The long reverberating roll... as though the floors of Heaven shook.”

The illustration depicts a volcanic eruption in a forested mountain range.

Page 475 H0254

Lots of changes from 'original' text. Clues in Stoker's notes? Rosenbach museum.